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OPEN HOUSE BY APPOINTMENT Sag Harbor | \$850,000 | Light-filled open loft style living, concrete radiant heated floors .63-acre quiet flag lot. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, open kitchen with wood stove. Nice gardens, outdoor shower. Room for pool. New exclusive. Web# H52298
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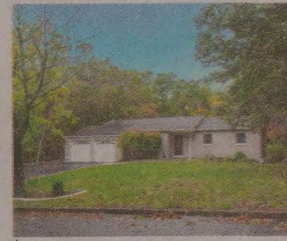
80 FT OF OCEANFRONT Westhampton Beach | \$3,695,000
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Lynn November O: 631.898.2205



MODERN CLASSIC WITH TENNIS Sagaponack | \$4,750,000 | Modernist Harari & Harari. An Architectural work of art. 6 bedrooms, 2.8 acres. 5,800 sf, Gunite pool, Har Tru tennis. Art studio/guest house. Screening room. 2-car garage. Web# H15558
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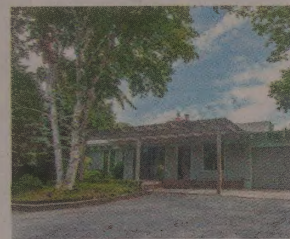
3 ACRES — ROOM FOR TENNIS Bridgehampton | \$4,250,000
A gated Postmodern on 3 acres in horse country. 5 bedrooms - new addition, 5,500 sf. Rolling lawn, hedges, Gunite Pool. Room for tennis. Overlooks a field of horses. Web# H19658
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OPEN HOUSE SUN. 2/8 12-1:30PM | 6 Fairway Drive, Manorville | \$359,600
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IDEAL RETREAT East Hampton | \$850,000
Turn-key starter home with 3 spacious bedrooms, 3 baths and backyard with stone patio surrounding a gas operated fire pit and screened-in porch. Web# H29049
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SECLUSION WITH BUILDABLE LOT Montauk | \$1,050,000
Gated 2-bedroom, 2-bath home features mature landscaping, mahogany decking, koi pond and separate buildable lot. Sunroom, full basement and garage. Web# H52592
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WATERFRONT BEACH HOUSE Southampton | \$1,199,000 | Beach House on .48 acres. South of the highway, 50+ ft of frontage on Middle Pond, opens to Shinnecock Bay. 4-bedroom, 2-bath home with water views galore. Attached 2-car garage. Web# H25831
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MODERN WATER VIEWS East Hampton | \$1,395,000 | This Modern home is perched above beautiful Three Mile Harbor with water and sunset views. A well-thought-out home to maximize flow and exposure to the calming elements of view, nature and sunlight. Web# H21599
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OCEANFRONT CO-OP Westhampton Beach | \$289,000
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MESCHUTT BEACH LOCATION Hampton Bays | \$465,000
3-bedroom, 2-bath home in the desirable Meschutt Beach area. Stainless steel and granite kitchen. Open living/dining/kitchen space with new wood floors. Outdoor shower. Web# H30694
Priscilla Kallio C: 516.658.4770



BY THE BAY Southampton | \$595,000
This bright and sunny, 3-bedroom, 2-bath Contemporary features vaulted ceilings, first floor master, full basement and room for pool. Web# H34745
Phyllis Dixon O: 631.204.2718
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RETRO BEACH COTTAGE Southampton | \$695,000
This 1960's, Cape style home with water views offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining room, living room with fireplace, and family room. Room for small pool. Maryanne Horwath O: 631.204.2720



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY Sag Harbor | \$799,000 | On the fringe of the village, this 2,600-sf, 4-bedroom, 3-bath Traditional home has great potential. The finished basement has a separate entrance. Room for pool. Web# H37993
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Rumors are swirling that Hamptons resident **Kelly Bensimon** will return to Bravo's *The Real Housewives of New York City* next season.

Along with **Harry Connick Jr.** and **Keith Urban**, Water Mill's **Jennifer Lopez** returned to the judges' table on *American Idol*. In its 14th season, the singing competition show kicked off with auditions in Nashville. Lopez's latest film, *The Boy Next Door*, opened to critical unsuccess last month.

Amagansett's **Scarlett Johansson** made headlines last week when an online petition protesting her casting in *Ghost in the Shell*, an upcoming DreamWorks film, accumulated nearly 16,000 signatures. The film is based on a famous animated sci-fi movie about a Japanese cyborg cop.

Amagansett resident **Gwyneth Paltrow** sat down with Southampton's **Howard Stern** on his Sirius XM show last month. During a candid interview, Paltrow revealed that her most "famous" friends are **Jay-Z** and **Beyoncé**; the **Coldplay** hit "Fix You" was written about her; and she definitely did not steal her award-winning *Shakespeare in Love* role from **Winona Ryder**. More recently Paltrow posted on her popular lifestyle website, GOOP, that she's a firm believer in a good steam.

Hamptons homeowner **Donny Deutsch** has signed on to star in a new comedy series on the USA Network. While appearing on MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, Deutsch said the show is semi-scripted, and he plays a fictionalized version of himself, much like **Larry David's** *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. *Morning Joe* co-host **Mika Brzezinski** revealed that she appears in the pilot episode. The new show is tentatively titled *Donny*.

It was cold in Sag Harbor Village last Friday but inside Salon Xavier things were heating up as owner **Xavier Merat** worked his magic while wearing a completely see-through, white T-shirt. *Oh là là*.

Longtime Sag Harbor resident **Linley Pennebaker-Whelan** married **Anton Hagen** at home on December 30. Following the nuptials, their now-blended family of seven children, other relatives and friends celebrated at Page at 63 Main. The happy couple has returned from their Mexican honeymoon.

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Southampton Chamber of Commerce Networking Night

January's Southampton Chamber of Commerce Networking Night was held at AgeFocus, with an open invitation to mingle with other business people while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and drinks. AgeFocus is a Southampton business that helps people "feel and act younger." **Photograph by Daniel Gonzalez**



Anthony Ferrara and Dr. Juan Garguilo of AgeFocus

Dan's Papers Literary Prize Salon Series at Southampton Inn

The January meeting of Dan's Papers Literary Prize Salon was held Saturday evening at the Southampton Inn. This month's event featured readings by Amy Deak, Diane Strecker and Angela Pokorny. **Photograph by Daniel Gonzalez**



Amy Deak, Diane Strecker and Angela Pokorny, with Dan's Papers founder Dan Rattiner, by the fire at the Southampton Inn

Love Bites at Seasons of Southampton Honoring Dr. James Brady

The Ellen Hermanson Foundation hosted Love Bites at Seasons of Southampton on Saturday. A pre-Valentine's Day multi-chef tasting event, the benefit raised money for The Ellen Hermanson Foundation, The Ellen Hermanson Breast Center at Southampton Hospital and Ellen's Well. **Photographs by Barbara Lassen**



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1. Ellen Hermanson Foundation chair **Julie Ratner** with honoree **Dr. James Brady**
2. **Mary Blake**
3. Nick and Toni's Chef **Joseph Realmuto** and Honest Management catering manager **Sigrid Benedetti**
4. Halstead Property's **Keith Green** and event chairperson **Ann Ciardullo**
5. WBAZ hosts **Amy Cerullo** and **Walker Vreeland** with **Darra Goldstein** and Southampton Social Club chef **Scott Kampf**
6. Cowfish chef **Michael Johnson** and Rumba chef **Steven Tross**
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The Hamptons Subway Newsletter

BY DAN RATTINER

Week of February 6-12, 2015
Riders this past week: 7,814
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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Billy Joel, humming a tune, was seen traveling on the Hamptons Subway between Bridgehampton and Sag Harbor last Tuesday. His next Madison Square Concert is February 18. Brian Williams was on the subway heading from Water Mill to Southampton on Friday. Real estate super agent Gary DePersia was riding the Hamptons Subway on Saturday between North Haven and Sag Harbor. Madonna has not been seen much out here since November.

LOW RIDERSHIP

Because of the snowstorms last week, the number of people riding the Hamptons Subway was less than usual, particularly on the Tuesday when people weren't allowed out of their homes because of the weather. We sent our usual interns out to try to talk to people walking on Main Street in Southampton, Sag Harbor

and East Hampton into using the subway but it was to no avail.

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

Hamptons Subway went to a lot of trouble to arrange for TV screens to be temporarily placed at each end of every car in the system on Super Bowl Sunday. But instead of most people getting on the train and then hopping off at their usual destinations, people got on and stayed on, resulting in huge crowds of people jammed into all the cars while new passengers who paid the fare had to just mill around on the platforms hoping people would get off, which they didn't. That the TV feed failed when a train hit a bump at the curve at Trout Pond just before the final minute of the game only exacerbated the situation. We regret we ever thought to do this. Stupid.

EEL REPORTED

A giant eel was reported in the tunnel between Water Mill and Southampton at 4 p.m. on Friday, but it wriggled off before anyone could tell if this was the Great Ecuadorian Eel we are all familiar with.

TROUBLE

Several people in the unincorporated hamlet of Wainscott are considering incorporation and have all stated that if Wainscott incorporates and if either is elected mayor, they will refuse to allow Hamptons Subway to make its stop in that community. They say the subway is too noisy and it makes the ground shake when a train comes through. We say Hamptons Subway was put in place in 1931 and there was no zoning then and no permits needed and so it is grandfathered in. We consider not stopping at Wainscott to be fighting words. We'll stop anyway. It'll be the Wainscott Police vs. the Hamptons Subway Police.

J TRAIN ALERT

The J Train will be run only as an express between Hampton Bays and Westhampton Beach next Monday night between 10 p.m. and midnight for track maintenance. It will be open briefly from midnight to 2 a.m. to see if the repairs were completed correctly, but then it will shut down for the rest of the night with all the rest of the cars for its regular nightly maintenance.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

We note with some despair that the New York City Subway System is increasing its fare from \$2.50 a ride to \$2.75 a ride without comments from the customers. This may be how they do things in New York. Here in the Hamptons we hold hearings where the public can attend and have their say, we put it to a vote of the whole board of directors and then after we pass it we give two weeks notice to the general public, not one.



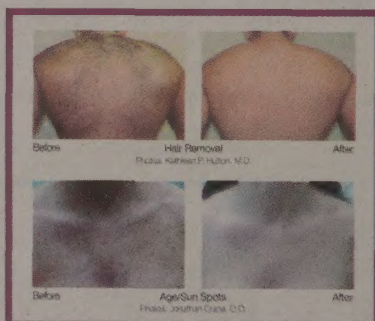
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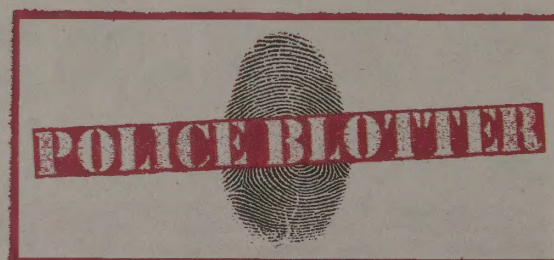
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CAMP APPLICATION FUROR

Shelter Island's Old Man McGumbus, the 104-year-old WWII veteran and self-taught wildlife surgeon, was arrested on Thursday for disrupting an official planning meeting. According to officials, McGumbus became agitated during the meeting and ignored repeated warnings to allow others to speak. Among the items on the meeting's agenda was McGumbus's own application to run a sleep-away camp on his premises this coming summer. McGumbus plans to call the camp "Camp Spay-a-Doe." The board reviewing McGumbus's application had numerous concerns about the proposed camp, chief among them being McGumbus's plan to teach his young campers how to spay female deer and to then send them off on solo "wilderness expeditions" to see how many does they can spay. He additionally proposed to bill the town \$1000 for each successful neutering operation his campers perform—\$1000 being the going rate for this service. Officials had special objections to this last proposal, pointing out that it would be difficult for campers to prove how many does

they had spayed. McGumbus became enraged, loudly accused the officials of calling him a liar, and became so disruptive that police were called to arrest him.

WITNESSES SOUGHT IN REOPENED CASE

Police have announced the reopening of a decades-old case, citing unspecified new information that may link it to the East End. The crime in the case comprised a shooting and a robbery at a private residence in El Paso by two suspects, one male and one female. In a press briefing last Tuesday, the police detective in the new investigation, Billy Mack, who was also the original investigator on the case, recalled the circumstances. "Usually these two suspects, who were in a relationship, just sat around the house using drugs and watching television, but one day they just went nuts." The two, who at the time were known, rather generically, as "Billy Joe" and "Bobby Sue," made off with an unspecified amount of cash after the armed robbery, and have remained at large to this day. While at first they headed south, police officials feel that they could be just about anywhere, and probably have adopted different names in order to avoid detection. Officer Mack remarked that the new information police have received has energized the search for the suspects: "I've said it before—I'm not going to let these two escape justice. Not only do we have the facts, but the taxpayers demand results." Police encourage anyone with information to contact them.

Read more Hamptons Police Blotter at DansPapers.com.



Dan Rattiner

BLIZZARD

What My Wife and I Had to Go Through the Day Before the Storm

BY DAN RATTINER

The photograph that accompanies this article was taken from our front door looking toward the beach and the Caribbean Sea last Tuesday morning, the same day that 30 inches of snow fell on Southampton.

Ha ha.

We've spent the past week and a half on the wonderful and very isolated island of Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands, and it is 82 degrees out as it has been every day, with one or two degrees separating one day from another. We live in our bathing suits. We swim around just off our beach. We snorkel and look at the colorful fish. We sit in lounge chairs and rest up and then go back in again. And we are reading some books we have downloaded on our Nooks, books by John Grisham and Agatha Christie and others, while enjoying ourselves immensely.

We either cook the food we've bought at Buck's Grocery in Spanish Town on the grill or we go out to eat at Chez Bamboo, or The Rock Cafe, or Hog Heaven, which sits atop of the

mountain on the island. And we hobnob with some of the locals or a few other tourists or boat people. A big ocean liner anchored off the ferry dock on Sunday and about 200 passengers took small launches in groups of 20 to a dock not far from our beach. The locals met them and gave them tours of the island in pickup trucks they've jerry-rigged as 16 passenger rickshaw taxis. That day we ate lunch at the Mermaid Dockside Bar & Grill adjacent to the dock and watched them come and go, and also watched the cook throw bits of leftovers to a herd of tarpon, six-foot-long hundred-pound fish that were circling around the back of the Mermaid, waiting for that to happen.

We have Wi-Fi at the Mango Bay here where we are staying, and so I've been able to stay in touch with the office and send in Dan's Papers articles I write and get back and edit parts of the paper before it goes to the printer up there. That happens every Tuesday, and I get the stuff to read whether I am there or elsewhere. We also get to deal with our email. We also have our cellphones. But we've put them in a drawer.

On Monday morning, the day before this

picture was taken, my wife brought her iPad to the breakfast table for the first time. We were by the charcoal grill, the sun rising over the palm trees on the mountain behind us. We were, astonishingly, now listening to NPR. We'd be going home in two days, but now she'd found a way to hook up our Wi-Fi to one of the New York City stations. It was streaming live news.

The Russians were starting a new offensive against a Ukrainian city. Another woman said she'd been raped by a movie star. New York State Assembly Speaker Silver got arrested by the FBI. The Greeks had elected a new president who will denounce all the austerity that country has been suffering under, and this could break up the eurozone.

"I wish you'd turn that thing off," I said to my wife. "All it is is bad news. Why don't they ever put on the good news? We're on vacation."

She was about to turn it off when New York Mayor de Blasio came on the news. "This could be the largest storm in the history of this city. My message for New Yorkers is prepare for something worse than we have ever seen before," he was saying. (Cont'd on next page)

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Blizzard *(Cont'd from previous page)*

There will be hurricane force winds. Three feet of snow. All the power could go out. They were shutting everything down tonight. Subways. Buses. Tunnels. Bridges. Trains. Airports. Tonight, Monday night. Stay home.

"Wait a minute," I said. "Leave it on."

We would only be here two more days, Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday we were scheduled out on a ferry from Virgin Gorda to St. Thomas. We'd arrive at 11:30. Then we had a JetBlue flight from St. Thomas to San Juan, and finally the big four-hour JetBlue flight from San Juan to JFK. We'd spend the night in New York, then come back home to the Hamptons.

Or would we?

I went to accuweather.com on the computer. Hadn't even thought to do this before. They were having two-hour live broadcasts about the storm.

"See this curve here, where it kind of bulges?" the weatherman was saying, pointing to a bulge on his radar map over eastern Pennsylvania. "This is when you get the big updraft." He pointed to something else. "It's all coming together from every direction. New York will be paralyzed beginning Monday night."

Maybe I ought to check out our flights. Both my wife and I had to be home Wednesday night and had full schedules for Thursday, she in New York and I in Bridgehampton.

I called JetBlue. A message recorded by that silly but endearing Valley Girl they have came on saying they had long waits to speak to an operator. More than 12 minutes. Instead try jetblue.com. You can do anything at

jetblue.com you can do on the phone. I went to the website. It froze up when I tried to use it. I went back to the operator. I'll wait, I said to the recorded announcement after I got her again. After a half an hour of lovely songs occasionally interrupted by the Valley Girl, I got unceremoniously hung up on.

"Can't reach JetBlue," I told my wife.

"They've probably got everybody calling," she said.

Then I thought to Google "JetBlue Cancellations." It led me to an article on CNN written in January 7, 2014 entitled "JetBlue's Winter Nightmare."

In that winter snowstorm one year ago, 150,000 JetBlue customers were affected over a six-day period.

"JetBlue...essentially shut operations at Boston's Logan International Airport and the three New York-area airports," the article read. "While other carriers have canceled flights, none has had to halt all operations at key airports."

JetBlue blamed it on new FAA rules that required more rest for pilots. It affected them more than others, they said, because JetBlue pilots worked longer hours than those on other airlines. Another problem was that 45% of all JetBlue flights go to airports in Boston or New York. Still another was that the airline was only 14 years old and so had less experience to fall back on when this sort of thing happens.

"We will do everything we can to earn their forgiveness and loyalty," said JetBlue spokesman Anders Lindstrom.

How about answering the phone?

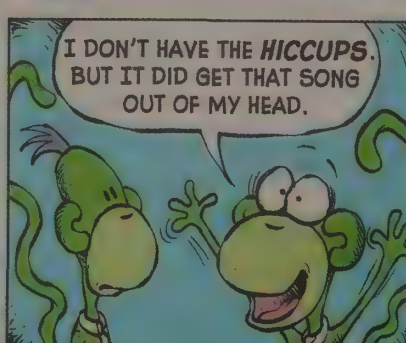
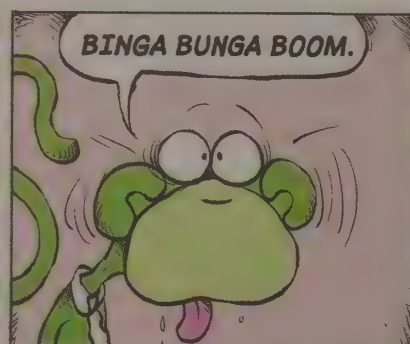
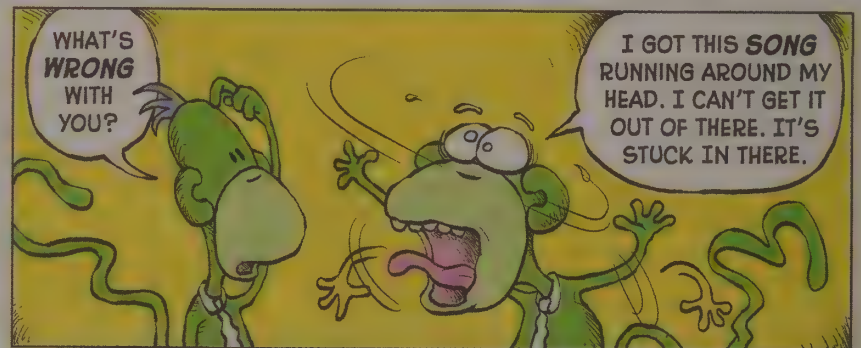
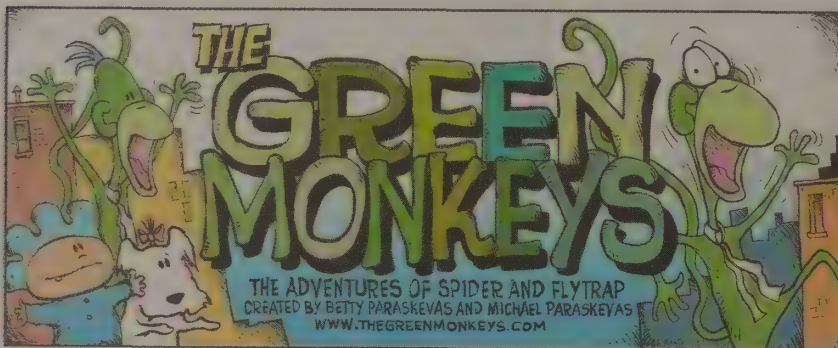
I tried again. Still no answer. Then I thought maybe we should just fly aboard a small plane to San Juan from the dirt strip here in Virgin Gorda. As things stood now, there was not that much time between our first flight from St. Thomas and the ticket counter in San Juan for the big flight back home. It would be a mob scene. Would we have to sleep on the airport floor?

I called a local airline that has scheduled service out of Virgin Gorda. They had an earlier flight. And it had four seats available. To get them, I would have to fill out a form they would email to me and then fax it back to them. Panicky, I asked if they could hold the two seats until I did that, and they said no, it's first come, first served. Also, the tickets had to be paid for in advance with a credit card. Also, it was non-refundable, and if I cancelled I not only lost the money but there was a penalty to pay. I'd need to put the credit card numbers on the form. And if I couldn't fax it, I could hand deliver it to them at the small Virgin Gorda airport at the other end of the island a half-hour away.

Then I remembered there is a fax machine at the office of Mango Bay, so I drove there, up a long, winding, narrow and steep driveway. When I got there, Gino told me I shouldn't do that.

"JetBlue booked your flight beginning at St. Thomas. If you don't take the first part but just show up at the second part, you won't be let on the plane. It's an airline rule."

I recalled that *(Continued on page 18)*



ALBANY MEETS PECONIC COUNTY



Silver Lining

Sheldon Silver's Troubles Mean Good News for Peconic County

BY DAN RATTINER

As I am sure you know by now, Sheldon Silver, the powerful and longtime Speaker of the New York State Assembly, is in a heap of trouble.

The FBI has arrested him and accused him of accepting about \$4 million in "referral fees" from two law firms with which they claim he had unethical relationships. One firm represented real estate developers, the other represented clients involved in asbestos claims. But Silver does not list these fees on his annual financial disclosure forms. And the reason is, some say, that a "referral fee" can also be construed as a kickback. The charges that have been thrown at Silver include mail and wire fraud, extortion, and extortion conspiracy. Silver, just re-elected to the post of Speaker in January, has stepped down, though he remains, for now, a member of the Assembly.

But there is a good side to all of this that very much concerns the eastern end of Long Island. Now, finally, we could have a Peconic County.

For more than 20 years, residents of the North and South Forks have supported a plan to create a new county out here to be called Peconic County. It would consist of the five rural eastern towns—Riverhead, Southold, Shelter Island, Southampton and

East Hampton. And if it were created it would result in the secession of this new county from Suffolk County, to which these five towns currently belong.

There is a very clear reason to make this separation. For nearly 250 years, since the founding of Suffolk County in 1683, almost all of Suffolk County was rural, with the population largely divided evenly west of the county seat in Riverhead and east of it all the way to Montauk. Riverhead was also approximately the geographic center of the county as well.

Until 1960, the County was run by a board composed of each town supervisor. There were 10 of them and since they each had one vote, that meant that as suburban sprawl began to bring vast numbers of people to the five most westerly towns, the five eastern towns, when joined by a sixth rural community, Brookhaven, could control the doings of Suffolk County.

This was seen as unfair by the residents of the five western towns in Suffolk County, and rightfully so. The population in the west was now 600,000; the population in the east 65,000. No one here complained.

But then, the county formed the new county legislature with proportional representation. By 1990, the whole thing was turned upside down—no, even more than upside down. The county legislature today consists of 18

members. Sixteen represent the west end of the county. Two represent the five eastern towns. So the five East End towns have no say. This is a no-brainer.

Riverhead remains the county seat of Suffolk County. But it really is in name only. The county Legislature sits on a campus in Hauppauge, 20 minutes from the western border of the county and an hour-and-a-half from the eastern border. Also in Hauppauge is the executive branch.

Leaving Riverhead was a huge hit to the economy of that town. Today an estimated 40,000 people are employed by the county. Today the population of Riverhead is 33,500. Imagine what that mean for the town when, during 1970s and 1980s when the population was approximately half that. This loss of jobs almost drove Riverhead to the brink of dereliction, a state from which it has only recently rallied as a tourist destination.

Worse was the matter of taxation. Most of the wealth is on the largely unpopulated east end (about 135,000 people). Most of the need for the taxes was on the west end (about 1,300,000 people). But study after study shows that the taxes paid by the east end are far out of proportion. What the west end wants it gets from the East End. What the East End gets is the leftovers.

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made by East End legislator Schneiderman asking that a change be made in the balance of how the taxes going to police forces was divided up. What he got was a new way to divide it up that made it even worse for the East End. Punishment for even asking. (A few years later, I admit they did rectify this situation, but you get the picture.).

In any case, it was clear that the East End wanted to be separated from Suffolk County. A straw vote was held in the late 1990s. More than two out of three voters wanted it. What was needed now was approval from the State of New York to hold a referendum on this matter. After that, a referendum could take place, and if the East End still wanted to be its own county, they could have it happen by majority vote.

The paperwork was drawn up. The Senate was ready to approve it. But then we were told it would never get to the governor's desk. Ever.

Silver was not going to let it get through to the floor of the State Assembly. He would hold it bottled up in committee. Forever, if need be. He gave some lame excuse about if he did this for the East End, then he'd have to do it for Staten Island, which at that time wanted to consider separating itself from the City of New York.

There are many people around today who



Will changes up at the Capitol in Albany mean changes for the future of Peconic County?

remember the march by East Enders up in Albany in 1998, with residents and officials carrying around the green and blue flags of Peconic County. A rally accompanied serving of a summons on the State of New York for holding up the will of the people in violation of the New York State Constitution. Among the participants were Larry Cantwell, now East Hampton Town Supervisor; attorney Steve Grossman from Sag Harbor; Fred Thiele, the state assemblyman from our district; John Rusch of Shelter Island, who designed the flag; James Drew, a then-

Southampton Town councilman; and Linda Riley, a former Southampton Town attorney.

But the state constitution was no match for Sheldon Silver. The State of New York, at that time—this was common knowledge written about extensively—was run by three people: Sheldon Silver, Governor George Pataki and Joe Bruno, the Leader of the Senate. Albany back then was called “broken” by many. And some still refer to it that way. To get anything done involved getting to what was termed the “three men in a room.” Bruno was subsequently convicted of mail fraud, sentenced to two years in jail, though later he had that overturned and was acquitted. Governor Pataki is out of office.

And then in July 2013, our current governor, Andrew Cuomo, announced the formation of the Moreland Commission to investigate wrongdoing in New York State government, a commission that he disbanded a year later for reasons not yet clear, a decision which may effectively ruin his chances of having a run for President in 2016.

Who could possibly have gotten him to go to this level of political suicide?

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Courtesy Southampton Historical Museum

The Agawam Park neighborhood nearly a century ago. Pyrrhus Concer's house can be seen at the far left.

Concer Redux

Historic Home of Former Southampton Slave Could Survive a "Flip"

BY DAN RATTINER

I think one of the saddest things that happened in our community last year was the tearing down of the historic home of Pyrrhus Concer. Pyrrhus was born a slave in Southampton, and, after the slaves were freed in 1827 in the State of New York, traveled around the world as a mate on a whaling ship, sought fortune in the California Gold Rush, then returned to his historic home to run his own business for the rest of his life—a water taxi service that took the summer people across Lake Agawam from Monument Square to the beach where the Southampton Bathing Club is today. He was a town character during those later years, and he died in 1897 at the age of 83.

It seemed inconceivable, in 2014, that such a bad thing could happen after all these years under the very noses of the very historically aware Village of Southampton. But now there's salt being rubbed in that wound. The man who bought the property and tore the place down and vowed to the mayor that all he wanted in life was to have a mansion overlooking the pond has, after getting approvals, put the property up for sale for almost double what he paid for it a year ago. It's called a "flip." That's a real estate term. It means buy a distressed property cheap, and then soon thereafter sell high—and make a quick buck out of it, in this case about \$2 million.

Call this flip the worst thing that could happen in the month of January 2015 in Southampton.

I spoke with Southampton Village Mayor Mark Epley, who's battled tooth and nail to not have this happen. He's still battling. And he's pretty bitter about the situation.

"We've lost some battles," he told me. "And

the worst of it, though it's not a lot of money, is that having lost, it turns out we have to pay this man back all the money he's paid us to get the permits we fought so hard to have him not get. It's a state law."

Battles are lost. But the war is not over. Pyrrhus Concer's house, torn down as it is, may be a town treasure yet.

And it may be like pulling a rabbit out of a hat. Wait till you hear this story.

Pyrrhus Concer was born in 1814 in Southampton, and was owned by a man who had a farm here. New York State did not wait for Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation to free the slaves. New York did it on its own in 1827, when Pyrrhus was 13. Pyrrhus stayed working on the farm for a couple of years, but then went to Sag Harbor, a whaling town at that time, and got a job as a mate on a ship. The ship went around the world in search of whales. At one point, Pyrrhus and the rest of the crew came ashore at a port town in Japan. Japan was closed to the outside world. So Pyrrhus was very likely the first black man to set foot in that country.

When the whales got fished out around the world, and when kerosene and oil began to light people's homes and businesses, the whaling industry came to an end, and all the whaling boats at Long Wharf in Sag Harbor left town and headed to San Francisco to participate in that town's gold rush of 1849. Pyrrhus went too, but failed to strike it rich, and returned a year later to his beloved Southampton.

From about 1850 until 1897, when he died, Pyrrhus ran a water taxi service on Lake Agawam during the summertime. He surely had many tales to tell to those he ferried over. He lived at 51 Pond Lane, on a slight rise, directly across

the street from Agawam Park on the west side. He'd walk a few hundred yards from his house to the dock and his small boat. No one really knows if he rowed people across, poled them across or took them across by raising a sail. It's about a mile down to the beach.

In recent decades, the Village of Southampton has conducted a number of surveys of where the historic houses are. If anybody owns such a house and wants to make changes to it, the fact that it is historic will immediately be brought to the attention of the community who can then stop such a thing from happening.

In 2013, this .82-acre residential site with Concer's house, burdened as it were by its historic building—from a real estate perspective—was sold to our flipper for \$2.75 million. This could be considered a bargain, considering the location overlooking the pond, but then there was the problem of the historic Concer house.

The flipper immediately announced he wanted to build a summer home on this property for his family. He approached the architectural review board with a plan for his home. It would include seven bedrooms, six bathrooms, a pool and pool house and a 496-square-foot guest house. He'd also need a demolition permit to clear the site. Permission was denied. He sued.

In his lawsuit, our flipper noted that the Pyrrhus Concer house was not on any list of historic places the village had ordered up. It apparently had been overlooked.

Without this designation, the village now had no defense to stop a McMansion from being constructed on the site. The Mayor had to console himself that at least the applicant wanted to build a nice summer home for his family.

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Concer *(Continued from previous page)*

Some time in mid-summer last year, our flipper said he was ready to go with the demolition. Many in the community was outraged, but there was nothing to be done. There was, however, a consolation prize. Our flipper agreed to allow the village to come in to remove beams and pieces of the home's framing for historical preservation. As I said, things get moved around, even these days, in our town. For example, nobody is really sure if either the Pelletreau Silver Shop or the Halsey House—the oldest saltbox in town—were moved around a bit. And so, down went Pyrrhus's house.

Late last summer, beginning just at Labor Day, a new attraction was introduced for the Southampton community. A small dock was constructed just about across the street from

where Pyrrhus's house was. It would re-create the journey that Pyrrhus took every day in his latter years, bringing people across the pond in a boat. It was in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the year of Pyrrhus's birth.

The inauguration of that service was scheduled for August 13, and it did take place, but not until three days later. At that time, Vice President Joe Biden was enjoying a little vacation as someone's guest in a house overlooking the pond, and the Secret Service would not allow the ferry to go out onto the pond. But it did begin after Biden left, and it continued on into October, until the weather got bad. It is expected that this service will be back again next summer.

And now, to start the new year, here it is, the

Pyrrhus Concer property on the market, listed at just \$4.995 million. It's just a "lot." Here's the listing:

"Amazing opportunity to build new construction on an elevated .82 acre lot with views of Agawam Park and Agawam Lake," it reads. "Rarely does a property come available south of the highway in Southampton Village with so much potential and so close to the ocean....ARB approvals in place for 5700 +/- square foot home with pool, pool house and 496 square foot guest home."

The obvious thing to do, at this point, is to pay the man the \$4.995 million, get the property back, and put Pyrrhus's house back up there. But that's a lot of money for a small village. And the Village cannot use the Community Preservation Fund tax money set aside for open space.

"The CPF won't authorize that kind of money for a property less than an acre," the Mayor told me. But he has another idea, a better idea.

Pyrrhus's house was located overlooking the pond from across the road on the west side. At that point, the pond ends with a 400-foot shoreline, with the War Memorial on the lawn to the north. But what's on the east side of the pond?

The Village owns a 1.2 acre vacant property that fronts the pond adjacent to a small playground, and picnic area. In back of it is the public parking lot for the business district.

Mayor Epley wants to re-construct Pyrrhus' house on that vacant 1.2 acres, facing the pond. It would be an accessible historic museum, visible from anywhere in the park and an even shorter walk to the dock where Pyrrhus had his boat than the walk across Pond Lane from where he used to live. Furthermore, it will face west. The sun will set across the pond onto the front entrance of Pyrrhus' house.

Mayor Epley has met with State Assemblyman Fred Thiele about reconstructing Pyrrhus's house there. He has talked to several other officials.

In prior situations where treasures in Southampton have been flipped—one recalls the Southampton Bath and Tennis Clubhouse, a Stanford White-designed building, which got flipped by Denise Rich around 20 years ago, and 10 years ago when the Poxabogue Public Golf Course got flipped—the buyers who paid the price were the club members and the Towns of Southampton and East Hampton respectively. The flippers walked away counting their money.

In this case, if this plan goes ahead, the Village will have its historic former slave museum by the pond and Mr. Flipper will have to find someone else to pay him the \$4.995 million.

When he does, the new buyer can have his seven-bedroom McMansion with the pool, guest house and pool house, and, just across the way there, a view of the little 20' x 40' cottage where lived that famous former slave from the Village of Southampton, Pyrrhus Concer. And there, in the summer, will be, between them, a ferry boat, not like the one that Pyrrhus used, but one that meets all necessary public safety codes and inspections the Coast Guard requires for operation of a ferry boat offered up for public use.

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Southampton Hospital Closer to Building New Facility

BY BRENDAN J. O'REILLY

The State University of New York trustees unanimously voted last month to allow Stony Brook University to go forward with merging its hospital with Southampton Hospital, a vote that was the biggest hurdle in a long process that could end with a new hospital being built at the Stony Brook Southampton campus in Shinnecock Hills.

Regulatory approvals are still needed before the merger can be completed, but Southampton Hospital President and CEO Robert Chaloner is confident state agencies are warm to the idea. Such a merger is in line with public policy, he says, and with the recommendations of the Berger Commission's report on moving New York State's healthcare facilities into the 21st century.

The next steps include getting the state Department of Health and the attorney general to sign off—Chaloner says all of the necessary approvals may be in hand within 6 to 12 months. The merger will be complete when Southampton and Stony Brook begin to work under the same state operating license.

In addition to Stony Brook setting aside some acres in Shinnecock Hills for a new hospital, the merger has numerous financial and clinical benefits that will improve access to and the quality of healthcare on the South Fork, according to Chaloner.

"We've opened a door to the future and it's going to open up a lot of possibilities," Chaloner says. "That's why I'm excited about it. If we were just sitting here trying to survive for the next few years, doors would be closing on us."

The approval of the SUNY trustees was a long time coming. Chaloner explains that SUNY was hesitant because of another hospital merger that went south. SUNY Downstate Medical Center and Long Island College Hospital, both in Brooklyn, merged, and it turned out to be a catastrophe, with hundreds of millions of dollars lost and Long Island College Hospital shuttering in 2014.

Long Island College Hospital was in dire straits before its merger, while Southampton Hospital has been on an upswing in recent years. "We've been climbing up, rather than going off a cliff," Chaloner says of Southampton.

Nonetheless, the SUNY trustees subjected the Southampton deal to more extensive due diligence than was expected, and that dragged the process out.

Now that the trustees have given the green light, Chaloner is looking forward to Southampton getting access to Stony Brook's teaching programs and doctors.

"Having teaching going on raises the bar for people's expertise," he says. And having access to Stony Brook's network of residents and its recruiting capability will make it easier to fill openings when doctors leave or retire.

Chaloner hopes that by recruiting more doctors and initiating more programs, Southampton can get back much of the "bread-and-butter" community hospital work that it lost when the hospital had reputation problems and after experts in certain fields were lost. And Stony Brook would appreciate it too, he says. "We can do it for lower cost than they could over there."

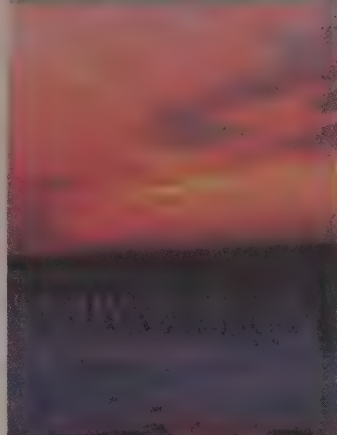
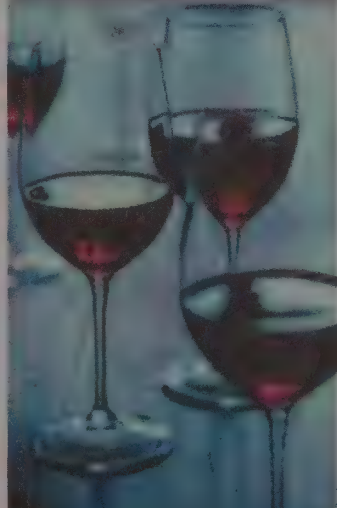
Clinical benefits will also include common record keeping between Stony Brook and Southampton, so patients can transfer between hospitals and doctors' offices with ease. Financially, Southampton will save on supply and equipment purchasing, because the much larger Stony Brook can negotiate better prices. Medicaid and other governmental reimbursement rates for providing patient services are anticipated to go up. Reimbursement rates from private insurance companies could also improve at Southampton.

"We've looked at everything in enough detail to know that we'll be stronger, financially, working together, but I can't really say today how much additional revenue," Chaloner says.

He can say Southampton will be secure enough to focus on growth, rather than survival.

The "brass ring" of the merger is positioning Southampton to get a new facility at the college campus, he says.

With the land provided by Stony Brook, the project price for a new hospital is estimated to be between \$200 million and \$250 million. Southampton Hospital plans to raise \$150 million through philanthropy. Having spoken to a number of hospital supporters, Chaloner says, "I don't think it's a pipe dream. I really thinks it's doable to raise the kind of money we need." The hospital can also sell its current facility in Southampton Village to raise capital, and some debt may be incurred. 🍷

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This Week's Cover Artist: Savio Mizzi

BY STEPHANIE DE TROY



This week's cover, titled "Arbustus," is by East Hampton artist Savio Mizzi. Painted in watercolor with underlying traces of graphite, the work shows a woman's hair gracefully twisting up from the top of her head and swirling into the branches of a tree.

Spirited and surreal, the imagery forms the connection between man and nature—in this case, fusing the feminine figure and the tree—conjuring mythological nature deities and enchanted forests. Snowed-in during a recent blizzard, Mizzi lets us in on his artistic background—from his illustrations for *Time* magazine, Bantam Books, *Newsday* and designer Nino Cerruti, to his current commissions and projects out of his East Hampton home and studio.

One good thing about being an artist is that during a blizzard you can probably still work.

That's it—I had my studio built on the house, and I like to work where I live so I can sleep and wake up in it. I like to be confined to my house. I've always had it that way, even when I lived in the city. Being an artist isn't just like having a 9 to 5 job—if you want to work late at night or early in the morning, it's always there.

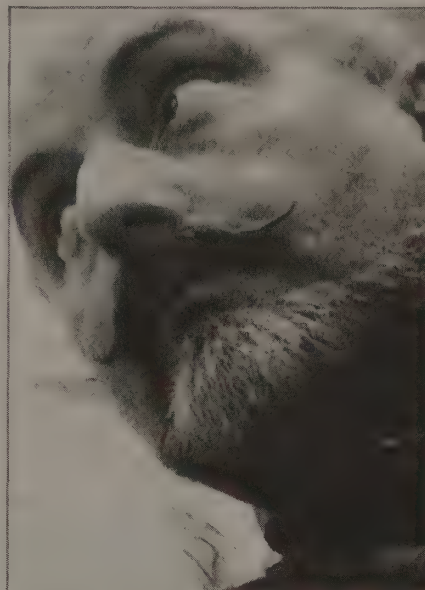
I was doing illustration work and design for

a long time, and you have to work overnight to finish. In the late '80s, early '90s, I got really into it, and there's always a deadline. They call you today and they need the piece tomorrow, especially advertising and editorial work. Those days it was a different way of working, before computer graphics. I've done a lot of books, too, like for Dell and Bantam, which gives a couple weeks for illustrations, but for magazines or newspapers, it was always overnight. They get the story and they're going to run it tomorrow. That's why I like to work from home.

In the '90s, I moved out here. I love the water and I love to fish so it was perfect. I'm from Malta originally, actually Gozo, the sister island of Malta, which is a very tiny island. I still have family there. A lot of people don't know how old Malta is. Because of the location in the Mediterranean there's a lot of history.

Who are some of the artists you admire?

One artist that I really admire, and I don't know if you've ever heard of him, is Bob Peak. This guy was mostly an illustrator, but also a designer. He did all the posters for *Star Trek*,



a lot for *Time* magazine. In my eyes, he's the top. If you really like drawing you have to see it. He used to do a lot of work in advertising—about 90% of movie posters are his.

I was so obsessed with this guy I had to see if I could reach him. This was about 35 years ago, and the guy wouldn't even talk to me. An uncle of mine was a window washer, and Warner Brothers owned one of the buildings in the city. My uncle knew one of the secretaries, and long story short I was able to get to meet with Bill Gold. He loved my work and said, "You

know something, you must like Bob Peak." I said, "Yes, I do." A week after that I got to do a poster for *The Goodbye People*.

Do you do commissions?

Yes, and I just finished four pieces for someone. I do a lot of fish and combine a lot of weird stuff, octopus on faces, things like that. The person who commissioned the work said she hasn't found anything else like it.

Savio Mizzi's studio is in East Hampton. Contact the artist at savio@savioartstudio.com.

Blizzard (Continued from page 12)

the first leg of the return was not on JetBlue, but by a small carrier they hired for that leg called Seaborne. Maybe they could cancel it.

"I have tried to call Seaborne in the past," Gino told me. "They don't answer. You just get the machine."

Soon we had the Valley Girl on Gino's phone and a recorded announcement on Seaborne on my phone, both on speakers, so we could hear them both at the same time.

Eventually, I did get through to Seaborne. I got their number off their website (which has a big red sign at the top reading THIS WEBSITE MAY BE FOR SALE). Seaborne told me that if the flight was booked by JetBlue, then only JetBlue could change it.

"You're telling me that you have no control over who flies on your planes?" was my frustrated parting shot at this person.

Around 1 p.m. I got an email from Eric Feil, our new CEO, that they were finishing the issue of Dan's Papers on Monday afternoon because they were going to close the office on Tuesday. He'd have the front of the book emailed over by 3 to read.

We got a call from the woman who stops by every day to care for our cat and tortoise in East Hampton while we are away. She wanted to know if we had a generator if the power went out. Chris told her we do, and she gave her the phone number of the people who service it and instructions on how to see if there's a problem ahead of time. The generator is on the hillside at the back of our house behind a fence.

"Tell her if she sees that the little light on the side is red, it isn't working and she should call the people to come get it going. If it's green or there is no light on at all it is fine."

"How's she going to get there in four feet of snow," my wife wanted to know.

"Well, then just tell her to call the power people if there is no power on in the house."

Lots of other calls were made. We learned that the daily 7 a.m. ferry from Virgin Gorda to St. Thomas doesn't run on Wednesdays, so we'd have to get up and catch a 5 a.m. ferry out of Virgin Gorda, get off at the Bull Dock in Tortola, take a 15-mile taxi across Tortola in the dark to the main dock in Road Town and get the 7 a.m. ferry to St. Thomas.

I gave this information to my wife.

"I wonder if we can even get a cab at Bull Dock at 5:30 a.m.?" was her first reaction. Then: "Maybe we should charter a plane from here to St. Thomas."

By this time on Monday it was late in the afternoon. I hadn't gone for a swim, hadn't walked on the beach, hadn't snorkeled, hadn't done anything at all but try to deal with this problem. I also tried both the JetBlue websites and phones repeatedly. The website was not interested in letting me in even with my itinerary code typed in.

Finally, at dinner, we went over a backup plan. There are all sorts of beachfront hotels by the airport in San Juan. We'd get in to San Juan on that first flight from St. Thomas and go

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directly to the JetBlue kiosk, where we could meet an actual person, if we could get through the crowds. If the plane was canceled, we'd get a cab to one of these hotels. We got online and on travelocity.com many of these hotels were already being flooded with reservations for Wednesday night, but finally we were able to book a small oceanfront room at one for \$145. We agreed we'd consider this just lost money if we could find another way home. But if necessary, we'd be sleeping beachfront again, rather than on an airport floor.

As we went to bed Monday night, we listened to more people at CNN, NPR and Accuweather tell us this was only the beginning. The huge storm would hit during the night. We'd wake up Tuesday morning here in heaven—up there it would be hell.

I also, on my phone, checked my "Flight Aware" app and found that the 4:05 p.m. JetBlue flight from San Juan to JFK for Tuesday had been canceled. But for the next day, our day, it had not. Yet.

So that's the story. We are having a wonderful time here in Virgin Gorda. The weather is simply perfect. We have no problems, no cares.

This is the life.

Memories of Cruising Down Montauk Highway

BY KELLY LAFFEY

KEEP FIT



The other day, pre-blizzard, I had planned to head to a yoga and goal-setting workshop in East Hampton. But when I got to the studio, the door was locked, the lights out.

Confused at the dark studio that greeted me, I called the instructor, my friend Jenna, and she

confirmed the last-minute cancellation, but asked would I like to instead join her in Montauk for the day?

I happily acquiesced. It had been too long since I had been to Montauk, and the idea of skipping the class had briefly crossed my mind when I passed that all caps, white-on-green MONTAUK sign on the highway, just east of Citarella.

The sign has always struck me as funny. Who doesn't realize, by the time they've passed through East Hampton Village, that they're about 13 miles away from the easternmost town on the Island?

Is the sign really necessary?

I started to think that it wasn't placed there for directional purposes. Instead, it serves as the East End's own Statue of Liberty. "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," says Lady Liberty as she greets newcomers to New York Harbor.

Hipster Haven or not, changed for better or worse, Montauk has a similar allure for those who are tired, who want a more free-spirited existence. Or even, as was my case that day, a simple, casual day-cation.

I contemplated the sign's existence, the hidden reasons the highway department may have felt its placement necessary, as I cruised down the Napeague Stretch and then conquered the hills of Old Montauk Highway, windows cracked, seat-warmers on, top 40 country music coming through my speakers. My favorite view is right after you crest the final hill and the entire downtown, caressed by the rolling waves to the right, comes into focus.

I met my group at a small, beachy shop just off of Montauk Highway. Town was quiet, but not quite as deserted as I had imagined it would be. Though the air was cool, it was a spectacularly sunny day, and we decided to take it all in with a stroll along the beach. The waves were small, but the beach wide. Dead low tide. We walked along the hard sand, laughing and enjoying the freedom of being outside after too many winter days of feeling cooped up. The ease of the stroll made us forget how long we were walking, though we were quickly reminded when we turned to head back, as the wind whipped our faces. I had mistakenly left my hat in the car, the sun initially making me feel a bit too comfortable with less layers.

Afterward, we warmed up with some brews at the Montauk Brewing Company, and the hours passed like minutes. More people I didn't know



January walks on the beach can be just as nice as July ones.

joined us at the brewery, and the day truly felt like a vacation. It's amazing what being outside in a new place can do for your spirit.

As I drove back to Southampton, I thought back to how I had left my house that day feeling like a goal-setting class was particularly necessary way for me to spend an afternoon. Sitting in my kitchen, in the middle of January, in the middle of my 20s, a familiar sense of anxiety kicked in right before I left. Though I feel amazingly content in some parts of my life, I'm unsettled in others.

That day, I wanted to partake in a goal-setting workshop, but instead I took part in my life, the way it is, anxieties and all. Because when you decide to live, instead of thinking about how you should be living, you open yourself to happy days in Montauk, strolling the beach, enjoying the company of new friends and delicious beers. 🍷

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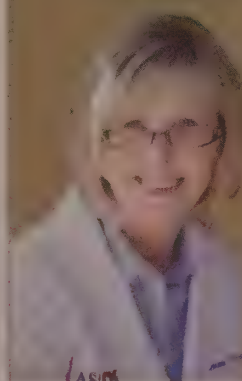
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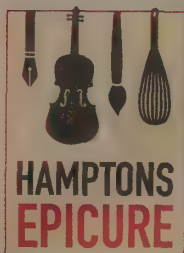
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Where to Wine and Dine Your Valentine

BY STACY DERMONT



any restaurant is improved by the possibility of "getting a room." Here's a selection of places where you can spend the whole night:

The Bridgehampton Inn has quickly become "our place" to my husband and me. The restaurant was closed for all of January due to construction that has expanded the inn's guest rooms and added a shop. It's reopening for dinner service on Friday, February 6. Chef Arie makes the food sing, Innkeeper Sybille makes you want to stay in Bridgehampton forever and the servers are perfectly discreet.

The American Hotel in Sag Harbor is an East End standard of luxury to many. You wouldn't be the first would-be spouse to try to float a ring on one of the AH's Floating Islands come dessert time. In fact, I think they've officially lost track of just how many formal proposals have been made under their roof since 1972.

I'm ashamed to say that I've not yet had the pleasure of dining at East Hampton's **1770**

House. It's at the top of my to-eat list. I know that it boasts an impressive chef in Michael Rozzi, so maybe this is the week that I book that dinner.

The North Fork Table & Inn in Southold tends to get everything just right. I've been trying to find some flaws with it for a while. It seems so plebian to be a fan of a restaurant that the masses tout as "the best on Long Island." Oh well, I'll happily eat crow here any time.

Jedediah Hawkins Inn in Jamesport is another viable option for good food, local wine and a weekend in North Fork Wine Country. Check out their Speakeasy in the basement, if that whiff of illegality fans your flame.

If you find Valentine's Day more special when you sleep in your own bed, you might well enjoy a night on the town at one of these spots before slipping between the sheets:

The **Jamesport Manor Inn** in Jamesport is all about romance. It's housed in a faithful re-creation of a Victorian mansion that burned to the ground on the site 10 years ago. If that's not love, I don't know what is. The first time my husband and I ate there, I swear to God, we gazed across the road and saw a rainbow shining above two frolicking ponies!



Libation at the Bridgehampton Inn

Il Capuccino, located just down the street from Sag Harbor's American Hotel, is more of a "neighborhood place." It has a real family feel but tables for two are to be had around the edges, underneath dozens of hanging Chianti bottles.

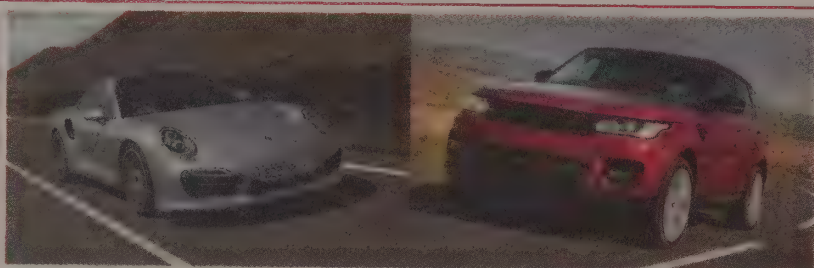
In East Hampton **Nick & Toni's** is a no-brainer to impress a date. It's also not too fussy, especially after last year's remodeling.

Of course "French" is always a go-to when it comes to romantic escapades. **Pierre's** in Bridgehampton offers little

tables next to a roaring fireplace. **Le Chef** in Southampton is an effortless romp in all things French, but features fine, local ingredients. And the newest French addition to the East End, **Le Charlot**, also in Southampton, hits all the right marks for a romantic evening out—cozy, quiet (yet buzzy), welcoming—see my review on page 27.

Our course the ultimate luxury of an East End Valentines Day may be eating in. Stock up on locally made chocolates, cheeses and East End frutti di mare, 'cause baby it's cold outside!

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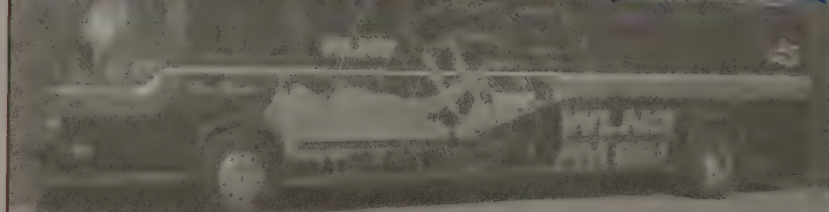
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5 p.m., second seating at 7 p.m. Special dinner to benefit Community Action Southold Town (CAST). Music by Lea Kendall. \$20/\$10 kids 12 and under. Peconic Landing, 1500 Brecknock Road, Greenport. 631-477-1717 castsoutholdtown.org

FAMILY NATURE BINGO WITH GROUP FOR THE EAST END

6-8 p.m. Play bingo and learn about nature. Small prizes awarded. Free; donation suggested. Downs Farm Preserve, 23800 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-765-6450 groupfortheeastend.org

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LIVE MUSIC AT GREENPORT HARBOR BREWING COMPANY

6-9 p.m. Winter residency by Jon Divello and Chris Tedesco. Greenport Harbor Brewing Company, 42155 Main Road, Peconic. 631-477-1100 harborbrewing.com

WINTERFEST KICK-OFF AT SUFFOLK THEATER

6:30 p.m. doors open, 7:30 show. Kick-off to the six-week music festival taking place in vineyards, breweries and more. Featuring Randy Jackson of Zebra, Kerry Kearney Band and Jacks Waterfall with special guests Pandafan and a special light-night jam. \$25 in advance/\$30 at door. Suffolk Theater, 118 Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343 suffolktheater.com

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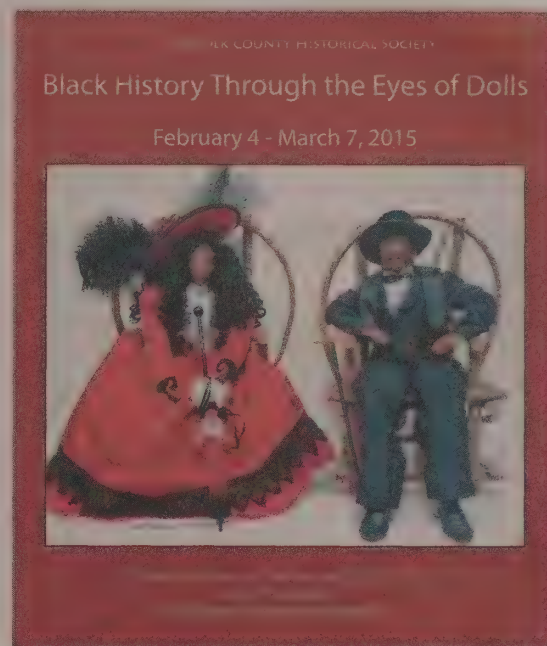
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6:30 p.m. doors, bar and restaurant open; 8 p.m. show. Coney Island Burlesque returns for Valentine's Day. \$32. Suffolk Theater, 118 Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343 suffolktheater.com

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

THE VARIETAL PERSPECTIVE TASTING AT MARTHA CLARA VINEYARDS

1-2:30 p.m. Participants will learn about each varietal, its origin and how it grows on Long Island. Taught by winemaker Juan E. Micieli-Martinez. \$40 in advance/\$45 at door/\$35 for Wine Club members. Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-298-0075 marthaclaravineyards.com

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Sarah Conway Sings From Her Heart

BY EMILY WEITZ

Sarah Conway loves to sing. There are a million reasons why, like the sense of independence and empowerment she gets from standing in front of a crowd of strangers and singing from her heart.

"Performing live is a thrill," she says. "It's an opportunity to go deeper into self-expression."

The songs she chooses run the gamut from country to jazz, from rock to Broadway. Her background as a cabaret singer in Manhattan sometimes surfaces when she's swooning in coffee house sessions in

Montauk, but she can find her place in a gospel tune or a blues number as well.

"I grew up with Emmy Lou Harris, Bonnie Raitt, and Linda Ronstadt," she said. "Listening to the women that sang. Yet I love the lyrics and expression of David Bromberg, Joe Cocker, Lyle Lovett, Janis Joplin—people who throw themselves into it."

It's that connection to the song, that ability to become one with it, that she admires about the latter group. They seem to use music to express deep human emotions, and that is something Conway values not only because it helps her to grow as a singer, but also because it helps her to grow as a person.

"I love singing from my heart, singing from my soul. I love going really deeply into song and feeling and expressing emotions that I might be hesitant to express in my life. In a song, I have permission that I might not give myself on a daily basis," she says.

For Conway, the lyrics are the first draw of the song. She loves artists that put great attention into the stories they tell, and she relishes



Sarah Conway "brings it" to audiences.

the opportunity to retell them in her own way.

One of her favorite renditions that she performs is Leonard Cohen's "Suzanne."

"The original song sounds like a totally different song," said Conway. "He does it with a full accompaniment. I love to sing it a cappella, and even if I am with a full band I want just one instrument."

The reason for this, she says, is that she feels she's able to be more in control of the song, and to take it at her own pace.

"Leonard Cohen has written such a powerful song," she says, "that it doesn't need accompaniment. It stands on its own, and that's unique."

There are other songs, like "Amazing Grace," that she feels also lend themselves to being performed a cappella. But most of the time, Conway performs with a band. Last week, at a coffee house in Montauk, she sang with baby grand piano accompaniment. A fan of her work told her that she brings songs to life, that there was depth, whether poignant or fun, in what she had to express.

"I love getting inside a song," she said, "and I'm so grateful to the songwriters and to the singers and musicians who do great interpretations of songs that move me to sing them."

Of course, with the baby grand in Montauk, she was inspired to draw from her cabaret and Broadway vault. This weekend, she'll perform at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor in a tribute to the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. And she's already booked shows at the Stephen Talkhouse in Amagansett for this spring. No matter what the genre, Conway is just happy to be up there.

"Live music brings the community together," she said. "There aren't a lot of things going on this time of year, so wherever the music is happening, that's where everybody is. It pulls people out of the house and brings them together."

See Sarah Conway perform in "The Beatles Vs. the Rolling Stones Concert" at Bay Street Theater, Saturday, February 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 at baystreet. or 631-725-9500.

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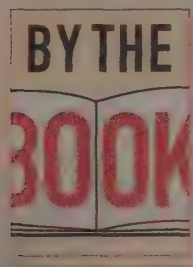
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How to Eat and How to Die from Local Authors

BY JOAN BAUM



It's too bad that South Forker Stefanie Sacks's important book *What the Fork Are You Eating?* (Tarcher/Penguin) is too long and technical—especially in the opening chapter with its many abbreviations—because what she has to say about eating well is timely and significant.

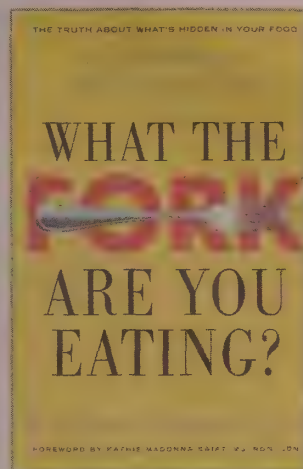
The tone is conversational, authoritative, confident, often delightfully sarcastic and always encouraging. The book is also personal, with much of what's here tested on the pulse. A childhood that included recurring bouts of asthma, allergies, bronchitis and pneumonia led her, in her teens, to adopt various diets such as vegan, vegetarian, macrobiotic and blood type. She knows better now. Nonetheless, the mass of information—charts, lists, references—all seem a bit much, especially for non-specialist readers. Of course, the book could be read in sittings, sections printed out and apps downloaded. She's reasonable; she'd be pleased if we just take what we can.

What the Fork Are You Eating shows that a pro can visit the dark side. Sacks indulges at times in bad stuff. She's also no knee-jerk pleader for organic, though she does recommend going that route for the most part. At the heart of her thesis is that all should learn where food comes from and how it's treated from farm to market to table. There are surprises: what's frozen or processed is not necessarily to be avoided, though her advice is the fewer the ingredients the better. Forget bottled water and get a stainless steel thermos and fill it up. And wait 'til

you see the list of who owns what companies—Big Food conglomerates who bought up the so-called “good guys.”

A master chef who has an M.S. in Nutrition and is a certified nutrition specialist (CNS) and certified dietitian nutritionist (CDN), Sacks hosts the program “Stirring the Pot” on WPPB and writes frequently for major publications. She's convinced that changing food habits is not only important for improving health but also for improving society, especially the environment, by holding producers and sellers to high standards. She urges support for local farms, stores and restaurants that are open about what they do and how they do it. Much regulation is simply false or inadequate, she shows, and even terms such as “organic,” “certified humane,” and “nutrition fact” can mislead or downright lie. As the subtitle of the book puts it, get ready for “An Action Plan for Your Pantry and Plate.” Change is not easy, she acknowledges, but Sacks has practical ideas on how to proceed. Leading that list surely are the delicious recipes that make up the last chapter of the book.

No doubt renowned criminal trial attorney, legal commentator on television and prolific essay writer Paul Batista knows his way around the law and the Hamptons—he has a home in Sag Harbor. Despite praise from various legal analysts, however, Batista's newest novel *The Borzoi Killings* will likely leave readers who expect mystery, a thriller and driving narrative less than satisfied. Though a killing occurs

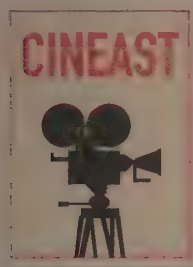


in the first chapter (Brad Richardson, the 10th richest man in the world, is slain in his luxury beachfront house, along with his prized Borzoi dogs), the investigation, arrest, trial and resolution can be anticipated. Moreover, descriptive passages on the Hamptons—numerous, intrusive and irrelevant (they don't delay the action in a suspenseful way)—may cause unease. Is East Hampton still being referenced as “elite” and “exclusive” and full of “dirty little secrets” about money, sex and drugs?

When Juan Suarez, a tall, handsome illegal, who had been working as a handyman for Brad and his sex-starved wife Joan, is arrested for Brad's murder, the famous and beloved defense attorney Raquel Rematti takes up the case at the behest of one of her former students who works in Suffolk County. The give-and-take in the courtroom among defense, prosecutor and judge has the ring of authenticity, but the writing overall, alas, suffers from recurring phrases, odd locutions (a cottage that's “profoundly attractive”) and repetitive syntax. Women are all gorgeous, corrupt cops true to stereotypical form and characters superficial and unbelievable (Joan keeps pictures of some of the men she has dated: Jack Nicholson, Jesse Jackson, Mortimer Zuckerman, Philip Roth, Salmon Rushdie and George Clooney).

A sharp editor might have urged focus on the courtroom scenes, where Batista could not only have shown off his expertise but also educated the general reader on familiar judicial matters not well understood.

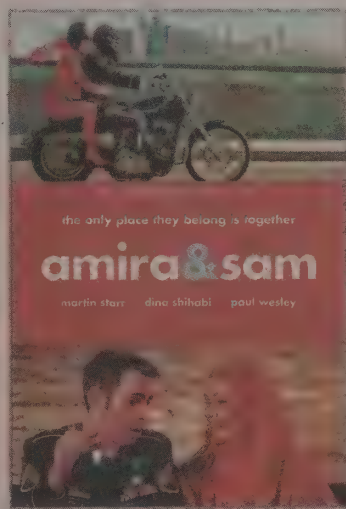
Movies...



AMIRA & SAM

This just in: Martin Starr, who many may still picture as the geeky Bill Haverchuck in the cult-fave TV series *Freaks and Geeks*, has grown out of his gawkiness and has actually become a bit of a

dashing fellow. Who would have thought? The transformation is so pronounced that in *Amira & Sam*, Starr is cast as Sam, a military veteran of the Iraq war, and Starr, biceps bulging, actually looks like he could be a soldier. He certainly makes the cut as leading man in this thoughtful romantic comedy/drama. The story centers on Sam's budding romance with Amira (Dina Shihabi), an Iraqi immigrant. The two meet un-cute (if that's a thing) when Sam goes to visit an Iraqi friend who lives in the same building she does—Amira is suspicious of Sam, whom she suspects of being a cop. (Sam does have a donut in a bag.) When Sam reveals that he can speak Arabic and is not, in fact, a bigot, Amira's attitude changes, and the two are drawn together. In *American Sniper*, Clint Eastwood's current film about Iraq, a skilled sniper is destroyed by the horror and devastation of the conflict. *Amira & Sam* shows two participants from that same conflict developing a healthier perspective, and realizing that the overriding factor determining all of their own conflicts is the accident of where they were born. The arbitrary nature, and ultimately the folly, of borders and nation—who gets to live where—



is further dramatized when Amira is threatened with deportation.

WILD CARD

Jason Statham stars in *Wild Card*, playing Nick Wild, a Las Vegas-based professional bodyguard with a talent for killing and a gambling problem. When Wild sets out to avenge a friend who was assaulted and disfigured by a thug, the thug turns out to be the son of a top gangster, and Wild is drawn into a full-scale war with the Vegas mob. Prepare for lots of improbable twists and impossible escapes.

GIRLHOOD

Not the sequel to *Boyhood*, *Girlhood* is in fact a French-language feature about a young black girl in the housing projects of Paris. A victim of her older brother's violence and forced out of school (the French system offers high school only to the high-achievers), Marieme is looking for acceptance somewhere. She falls in with a gang of fellow outcasts—but unlike what might typically happen in this kind of film, Marieme's sometimes illegal actions are not condemned. Rather, the filmmaker Celine Sciamma emphasizes the positive role of bonding between the girls and the importance of strong relationships in helping young people articulate thoughts and dreams. In French with English subtitles.

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Must-See Museums on the East End

BY STEPHANIE DE TROY

Now is pretty to look at, and what kid doesn't like sledding when the snow is fresh and powdery? But at some point, even the keenest snowbunny needs to warm up. And, as any parent knows, hanging around the house can get pretty old as winter wears on. Luckily, myriad museums welcome kids and the kids in all of us. Below are just a few of the best that the East End has to offer.

Children's Museum of the East End

Located in Bridgehampton, the Children's Museum of the East End (CMEE) emphasizes learning through play. With over 4,000 square feet of exhibition space, the museum showcases a number of exhibits, including a musical forest, sand puppets and a drop-in art studio. Take advantage of the uniquely East End offerings, like discovering how a windmill works. CMEE is located at 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. For more info, visit cmee.org or call 631-537-8250.

East End Seaport and Maritime Museum

The Maritime Museum in Greenport at 3rd Street, in the former railroad station adjacent to the Shelter Island North Ferry Dock, houses an array of exhibits on the maritime heritage of the area: the Greenport menhaden fishing industry, the oyster industry, lighthouse lenses, a model ship of the USS Ohio and more. Now through April, the museum is only open by appointment. For more info, visit eastendseaport.org or call 631-477-2100.

Hallockville Museum Farm

A tour of the Hallockville Museum Farm is a great way to spend the day on the North Fork. Its 28 acres are

home to 19 historic houses, barns and outbuildings. Visitors can experience real farming in the fields and meet the friendly cows, sheep and chickens, and participate in workshops in animal tracking, canning and pickling, and bird walks. Visit hallockville.com or call 631-298-5295.

Home Sweet Home

Take a step back in time at Home Sweet Home in East Hampton. Dating back to the 1720s, the saltbox-style house was built by English settlers and is now a village museum. Open by appointment only, through May. Visit homesweethomemuseum.com or call 631-324-0713.

Montauk Lighthouse

A journey to the iconic symbol of The End provides not only a chance to visit the first lighthouse in New York State and the fourth oldest lighthouse in the United States, but also trails for hiking, amazing views of the ocean and a museum—home to artifacts, historical documents and photographs—housed in the 1860 Keepers' House. Open weekends only and select holidays. Visit montauklighthouse.com or call 631-668-2544.

Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center & Museum

Dedicated to honoring the ancestors and living history of the Shinnecock Indian Nation, the museum and Wikun Village offer exhibitions and displays illustrating and celebrating Shinnecock history. Open Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. 100 Montauk Highway, Southampton. Visit shinnecockmuseum.com or call 631-287-4923.

Suffolk County Historical Museum

From now through March 7, 2015, the Suffolk County



Keep "The End" in view!

Historical Society will host "Ageless Beauty: Antique Dolls Exhibit" by Betty Ann Richardson, with vintage doll paintings by local artist Rani Carson. The exhibit features 100 vintage dolls from the private collection of Betty Ann Richardson, including Heinrich Handwerck, Simon & Halbig, Heubach, and early china dolls from Germany; Jumeau dolls from France; Lensi dolls from Italy; and Pleasant Co., American Girl, and Schoenhut dolls from America.

Also running through March 7 is "Black History Through the Eyes of Dolls," an exhibit featuring close to 200 African American dolls from the collection of Dr. Judith Kronin. The exhibit presents a unique perspective on black history, with examples of dolls from every period of American history—slavery, reconstruction, the roaring 20s, the Great Depression, both World Wars, the civil rights era, and up to the present day. Dr. Kronin's fascinating collection has been featured in numerous exhibits across the region.

The Suffolk County Historical Museum is located at 300 West Main Street, Riverhead. Gallery hours at Wednesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. For more information, visit suffolkcountyhistoricalsociety.org or call 631-727-2881.

ART EVENTS

For more events happening this week, check out:

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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

ARTISTS ALLIANCE OF EAST HAMPTON MEMBERS WINTER ART EXHIBIT AT ASHAWAGH HALL

2/7, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., reception 5–7 p.m.; 2/8, 11–4 p.m. Featuring paintings, drawings, photography and sculpture by members of AAEH. Ashawagh Hall, 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton. 631-267-6554 ashawagh-hall.org

ADAM COHEN, ROBERT MOORE AT ROSALIE DIMON GALLERY

2/11–4/29, reception 3/1, 3–5 p.m. Abstract work by Adam Cohen and photographic works Robert Moore. East End Arts, 133 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-0900 eastendarts.org

SPRING TRAINING ART SHOW FOR EAST HAMPTON ARTISTS & WRITERS CELEBRITY SOFTBALL GAME

3/6–3/29, reception 3/14, 6–8 p.m. Representational and abstract art influenced by softball. Kathryn Markel Fine Arts Gallery, 2418 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. awgame.org

STUDENT ARTS FESTIVAL PART II, GRADES 9–12 AT GUILD HALL

3/7, 2–4 p.m. Through 4/12. More than 3,500 works of student art pieces on display. Monday–Thursday 3:30–5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday noon–5 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

PARRISH PERSPECTIVES AT PARRISH ART GALLERY

3/15, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Through 4/26. Special morning

reception to celebrate the spring exhibitions, "Jules Feiffer: Kill My Mother," "Joe Zucker: Life & Times of an Orb Weaver" and "Robert Dash: Theme and Variations." Coffee, mimosas, breakfast treats served. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 parrishart.org

77TH ANNUAL MEMBERS EXHIBITION AT GUILD HALL

5/2, 4–6 p.m. Through 6/6. A non-juried exhibition of more than 400 of Guild Hall's artist members. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

RJD GALLERY SOUTHAMPTON ANIMAL SHELTER FOUNDATION EXHIBITION

5/9. Animal-themed artwork to benefit Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation. Richard J. Demato Fine Arts Gallery, 90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1161 rjdgallery.com

BRAIN FOOD: CHUCK CLOSE PHOTOGRAPHS AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

5/10–7/26. Comprehensive survey of the works of Chuck Close. Accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue by co-curators Colin Westerbeck and Terrie Sultan. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 parrishart.org

ONGOING

GUIDED TOURS AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

2 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Tours last one hour. Permanent collection tours on Wednesdays and Sunday; Special exhibition tours on Saturdays. Space is limited. Free with museum admission. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 parrishart.org

LOIS BENDER WATERCOLORS AT HAMPTON LIBRARY

Through 2/7. Large-scale images of flowers by Lois Bender. Hampton Library, 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

THE BOTANICAL EXHIBIT AT ALEX FERRONE GALLERY

Through 2/14. Holiday cheer sponsored by the Long Island Wine Council. Featuring 45 works of flora life by 15 regional photographers. All works are 14" or smaller. Alex

Ferrone Photography Gallery, 25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-8545 alexferrone.com

STUDENT ARTS FESTIVAL, GRADES K–8 AT GUILD HALL

Through 2/22. More than 3,500 works of student art on display. Monday–Thursday 3:30–5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday noon–5 p.m. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS OF BLACK AUTHORS AT JOHN JERMAIN LIBRARY

Through 2/28. An exhibition of photographic portraits of black authors, originally organized by Maureen Jones and Carol T. Spencer for the Eastville Historical Society. John Jermain Memorial Library, 34 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049 johnjermain.org

JACKIE STEVENS PHOTOGRAPHY AT RIVERHEAD TOWN HALL GALLERY

Through 2/28. Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Featuring the works of Northport photographer Jackie Stevens. Presented by East End Arts. Riverhead Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead. 631-727-3200 eastendarts.org

2015 STUDENT EXHIBITION—YOUNG ARTISTS' RECEPTION AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

Through 3/1. Parrish members, artists and their families are invited to celebrate the 2015 Student Exhibition. Featuring a screening of the Ladd Brothers' Scrollathon and discussion with Steven and William Ladd. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 parrishart.org

REFLECTIONS IN BLACK AT SCC

Through 3/2. Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Annual Black History Month exhibition, curated by Tina Andrews. Southampton Cultural Center, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton. 631-287-4377 scc-arts.org

For more events and to post your event online go to Events.DansPapers.com.

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Where to find the bargains this weekend.

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Valentine's Day Is Just Around the Corner

BY KENDRA SOMMERS



Are you ready to show some love this Valentine's Day? Make it a luscious Valentine's Day with beauty treats from LUSH. This year's range of limited-edition shower and bath goodies is extra romantic and playful. They've launched new massage bars for a super sultry at-home massage. Fill your tub and fill your heart with love! LUSH introduces nine whimsical and romantic products and seven gifts for your sweetie—or yourself. A wonderful alternative to oils, LUSH's massage bars are not only beautiful, but also contain a wonderfully beneficial concoction of the finest essential oils to soothe, smooth and boost moods. Visit lushusa.com to peek at all the options and place your order.

Keep yourself and your loved ones warm with **Scuttle Hole Aviator Hats**, available at That Way Hat in Southampton. Named after our favorite back road, Scuttle Hole genuine sheepskin and rabbit fur aviator hats are a becoming "rite of passage" for the winter season. On amazon.com they have been selling like hot corn on the cob, with all five star reviews. Come into the store before Valentines Day for 25% off these super warm hats. That Way Hat, 85.5 Jobs Lane, Southampton, down the driveway. Winter hours are 2-4:30 p.m. every day, additional hours by request.

917-825-0112, thatwayhat.com.

Looking to get swept away this Valentine's Day? Why not prepare for sweeping with **philosophy's loveswept** spray fragrance. Loveswept is a lively, romantic fragrance created to make a woman feel irresistibly swept away. This soft floral fragrance sparkles with energy and leaves you with a soft embrace of happiness and love. You might also fall in love with loveswept shampoo bath and shower gel, the unconditional love spray fragrance or the love sweet love fragrance. Did you know that you can change your mood by changing your fragrance? 'Tis the beauty of scent. philosophy.com

A sample of **Elizabeth Arden** The Original Eight Hour Cream could not have arrived at a better time, as snow continues to hit the East End. It's incredibly effective and has multiple uses—no wonder it has a cult following! Made with petrolatum and vitamin E, it instantly smoothens cuticles and heals chapped lips and dry skin. A very small amount rubbed into cheekbones gives a dewy radiance and it can also be used to smooth over eyebrows. If you love the results, give the rest of the Elizabeth Arden Eight Hour skincare line a try. The latest among these is the Nighttime Miracle Moisturizer. It comes in a jar with instructions to take a small amount and rub between your hands, taking a whiff of the lavender essence, and then applying to face and neck. The texture is rich, even for a gel. Being prone to the occasional breakout, I was a little apprehensive, but decided to give it a shot. It was lighter than I had thought, was quickly absorbed and by morning, my

skin looked, for the first time in weeks, balanced and healthy. Elizabeth Arden Eight Hour products are available at department stores such as Macy's in Hampton Bays and at elizabetharden.com.

The eco-friendly jewelry chain known for American-made, handcrafted expandable bangles, chain necklaces and rings, **Alex and Ani**, has some fabulous and affordable options for Valentine's Day. Their newest four-piece collection, Infinite Love, includes wrap and expandable wire bangle options in Alex and Ani's signature Rafaelian Gold and Silver finishes with beaded blush and lavender options. Available at alexandani.com and the Alex and Ani retail store at 10 Jobs Lane in Southampton. Call 631-353-3309.

English Country Home is having its Winter Sale with 20% off storewide in Bridgehampton, Southampton and on their website, ecantiques.com. Take an additional 40% off on floor samples on sale at the Southampton store. Be sure to check out this week's arrivals, now online. Both stores are open seven days at 26 Snake Hollow Road in Bridgehampton, 631-537-0606 and 53 North Sea Road in Southampton, 631-204-0428

Mark your calendar! **Summer Girl's** 10th annual clearance sale begins on Friday, February 6 at noon and continues every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through March 1. The emporium at the beach in New Suffolk carries women's clothing and accessories, cottage-style furniture, and vintage decor. It's located at 775 First Street, next to Legend's restaurant. 631-734-5698

CALENDAR

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Arts & Galleries Listings pg. 24, Kids' Calendar pg. 26 **JAM**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**THURSDAYS AT WÖLFFER ESTATE VINEYARD**

6-8 p.m. The Jam Session moves to Wölffer for February. Recorded live-to-tape for NPR station WPPB 88.3FM. No cover. Wölffer Estate Vineyards, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106 wolffer.com

CHOCOLATE TASTING AT HAMPTON BAYS LIBRARY

6:30-8 p.m. Master Chocolatier Lee Perrotta demonstrates how to create Valentine's delights. Recipes provided. \$5. Hampton Bays Public Library, 52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-728-6241 hamptonbayslibrary.org

STPS MONTHLY MEETING

7 p.m. Monthly Southampton Trails meeting, all are welcome. Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Road, Southampton. 631-974-2635 southamptontrails.org

QUIZ NIGHT AT TOWNLINE BBQ

7 p.m. Bring a group of five and compete in various rounds of trivia. 21 and over. \$10 per person; gift cards and cash prizes awarded. Townline BBQ, 3593 Townline Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-2271 townlinebbq.com

AUTHOR VISIT: JULIA FIERRO AT HAMPTON LIBRARY

7 p.m. Author discusses debut novel, *Cutting Teeth*. 2478 Main St., Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015 hamptonlibrary.org

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WÖLFFER**

5-8 p.m. Free. Wölffer Estate Vineyards, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106 wolffer.com

PARLOR JAZZ/ART OF SONG CONCERT

7:30 p.m. Vocalist Lisa Gary and saxophonist John Ludlow, hosted by Jane Hastay and Peter Martin. \$15-\$25. Archives Building, 2539-A Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-537-1088 bridgehamptonhistoricalsociety.org

SCARS ON 45 AT WHBPAC

8 p.m. British indie rock quartet performs. \$25. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-1500 whbpac.org

REGGAE FEST AT 230 DOWN

9 p.m. 21 and over. \$10. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-377-3900 230elm.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**STPS WHISKEY HILL LOOP**

10 a.m. Moderately paced 1.7-mile hike with ocean views. Meet on Mill Path off Lopers Path, Bridgehampton. 631-599-2391 southamptontrails.org

HORTICULTURAL ALLIANCE GARDEN BOOK GROUP

11 a.m. Reviewers will discuss three of their favorite books by garden writers. Horticultural Library, Bridgehampton Community House, 843 Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-2806 hahgarden.org

CANIO'S HOSTS AUTHOR REV. DONNA SCHAPER

5 p.m. The Reverend discusses her book *Prayer: Prayers for People Who Say They Can't Pray*. Canio's Books, 290 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-4926 caniosbooks.com

WINTER CLASSIC SCREENING: "THE SEARCHERS" HOSTED BY ALEC BALDWIN AT GUILD HALL

7 p.m. Screening of the film directed by John Ford and starring John Wayne. \$22 general admission/\$20 members. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

ADAM BARANELLO AT HAMPTON BALLET SCHOOL

7:30 p.m. The singer performs Saturdays in February. \$5. Hampton Ballet Theatre School, 213 Butter Lane Unit J, Bridgehampton. 631-921-6406 adambaranello.com

BEATLES VS. ROLLING STONES AT BAY STREET THEATER

8 p.m. Cover bands perform live, come see everybody "win!" \$25. Bay Street Theater, 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500 baystreet.org. See related story on page 22.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**TABLE TALK: EILEEN OBSER, WRITING ABOUT YOUR LIFE AT GUILD HALL**

11 a.m. The author discusses her book *Only You* and memoir writing. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

HAMPTON CHOCOLATE FACTORY AT QUOGUE LIBRARY

2-3 p.m. A sampling of all-natural artisan chocolates from the Hampton Chocolate Factory. Chocolates also available to purchase. Register in advance. Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224 quoguelibrary.org

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**230 DOWN: MONDAYS WITH CHRIS**

4 p.m. \$6 beers all night. Game room open. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-277-3900, 230elm.com

LIVE MUSIC MONDAYS AT FRESH HAMPTONS

6:30 p.m. This week: Lynn Blue and Mick Hargreaves. Open mic follows performance. Fresh Hamptons, 203 Sag Harbor Turnpike, Sag Harbor. 631-537-4700 freshhamptons.com

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**VALENTINE'S DAY LOVEFEST AT 230 ELM**

6 p.m. Buffet, live music by Certain Moves, dancing and more. Honoring Congressmen Tim Bishop, Kathy Bishop and family. \$35 in advance/\$40 at the door. 230 Elm, Southampton. 631-470-6121 shdemclub.com

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BY STEPHANIE DE TROY

Daybeds

Daybeds are essential for Hamptons living—providing that perfect lounging area by day and accommodating an extra weekend guest by night. For the type of daybed that you'd want to show off in your main living area, den, sunroom or even outdoors, look no further than Adrianna Shamaris. With locations on Spring Street in Manhattan and on Main Street in Southampton, Shamaris is considered an authority on modern organic furniture among architects, interior designers and stylists. Her store offers daybeds that are hand-carved and made of natural aged teak—so they can go indoors or outdoors.

Succulents

It's time to bring the greenery indoors. Succulents are a perfectly stylish year-round indoor option. "Most succulents can take the sun, so put them in a bright spot," says Pam Healey, manager at Lynch's Garden Center in Southampton. "They're really carefree. They require water every 10 to 14 days, and the warmer it is, the faster they dry out. Succulents are low maintenance, have relatively few pests, and are popular these days." A few types of succulents you can find at Lynch's are echeveria, haworthia, lithops and kalanchoe. "It's also popular to cut the tops off echeveria and haworthia and use them as centerpieces, as you'll see a lot of florists doing. They can last a while in stones," says Healey.

Accessories

Accessories allow you to show off some of your own personal style and give a room the final touch. One of the most enjoyable aspects of interior decorating is finding those special items to complete your look. Paula Yount, a manager and designer at Mecox Gardens in East Hampton says, "Designers are always looking for things to finish off bookshelves, and one of the most popular items we carry are little boxes—they come in mother of pearl, a blue-and-white bone configuration and shagreen. Another very popular item right now is an interlocking knot—one half is made of silver and the other half is made of gold. Trays are also big—they come in snakeskin, black-and-white, faux shagreen and leathers."

Upholstery

With many of our Hamptons homes sporting white walls, upholstered chairs and couches can add a soft, welcoming touch—perfect for taking the summer house into winter—while packing a punch in style. Kate Shrine, of House to Home in Westhampton Beach, says, "We have about 600 fabrics you can choose from. And since we're also an interior design service, we can come to your home and see what works best with the existing furniture." House to Home's chairs and couches are marked at a base price and from there, you simply customize with fabric. "People are definitely still doing chevron," Shrine says of what's popular in fabrics. "Geometric prints, lattice, ikat are also popular. Then you have your classic florals, stripes and



Insider tips for inside the home.

patterns. We're in a beach town, so ticking and rugby stripes are also popular."

Bedding

Bedding is nothing to be lax about when it comes to home décor, and with guest bedrooms you can certainly indulge in high-end bedding. When it comes to luxury bedding, look no further than Hildreth's Home Goods in Southampton. "Matouk is number one," says Judy Rewinski, buyer for Hildreth's, of the store's many lines. "Their sheeting is phenomenal. Matouk also does top-of-the-bed coverlets and decorative pillows." Pinecone Hill pillows are extremely popular, too. "I think everyone in Southampton must own one because we are blowing through them," says Rewinski. "Suchiras is also a nice option for bedding—their quilts do very well."

KIDS' CALENDAR

For more events happening this week, check out:

North Fork Calendar pg. 21,
Arts & Galleries Listings pg. 24, Calendar pg. 25

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**PUPPET CLUB AT GOAT ON A BOAT PUPPET THEATRE**

10 a.m. Six-week class for ages 5–8. Budding puppeteers will design, build and perform puppet creations. Sign up early, space limited. \$20 drop-in. Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre, 4 East Union Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-4193 goatonaboat.org

LEGOS AND GAMES AT AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY

4–5 p.m. For kids grades K–up. Build with legos, play board games and more. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST" AT PIERSON

7 p.m. Through 2/7. Performance of the Oscar Wilde classic. \$7. Pierson High School Auditorium, 200 Jermain Avenue, Sag Harbor. 631-725-5302 sagharborschools.org

"BYE BYE BIRDIE" AT MATTITUCK HIGH SCHOOL

7:30 p.m. Through 2/7. Presented by Mattituck High School Musical Theater Company. \$10 general admission/\$5 kids 12 and under, sold at the door. Mattituck High School, 15125 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-8471 mufsd.com

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**"GOING TO THE FARM WITH SPOT" AT WHBPAC**

10 a.m. For kids grades Pre-K–2. Production of new play based on book series by Eric Hill. Performed by Theater Terra – The Netherlands. \$10. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-1500 whbpac.org

SHAKE, RATTLE & READ AT WESTHAMPTON LIBRARY

10–11 a.m. For caregivers and kids through 3 years old. Introduce your child to books and songs. Westhampton Free Library, 7 Library Avenue, Westhampton Beach. 516-382-2373 westhamptonlibrary.net

"WIZARD OF OZ" AT SOUTHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

7 p.m. Also 2/7, 2 p.m. Free admission. Southampton High School, 141 Narrow Lane, Southampton. 631-591-4600 jtagtaglia@southamptonhschools.org

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**CMEE PLAY! IN THE KITCHEN – HOMEMADE SCONES**

10 a.m. For kids ages 3–6. \$10 members/\$22 non-members, includes admission to the museum. The Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250 cmee.org

A TREE IN FOUR SEASONS – ARTS AND CRAFTS AT SOFO

10 a.m. For ages 3–5. Arts and crafts based on trees. \$7 adult/\$5 child/free for members. \$4 materials fee. South Fork Natural History Museum, 377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735 sofo.org

OPEN STUDIO FOR TEENS AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

10 a.m.–noon. Intermediate and high school students develop observation, drawing and painting skills with inspiration from the Parrish's permanent collection. \$10/free for members. 631-283-2118 parrishart.org

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**WHERE'D IT GO? ANIMAL CAMOUFLAGE AT SOFO**

10 a.m. Ages 6–9. Live animals will help demonstrate how color is crucial to their survival. \$7 adult/\$5 child/free for members. South Fork Natural History Museum, 377 Bridge-Sag Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735 sofo.org

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**THE LEGEND OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT WHBPAC**

10 a.m. A Chinese dance show about the origin of the Chinese New Year from Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company. \$10. Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-2350 whbpac.org

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Le Charlot—C'est Très Romantique!

BY STACY DERMONT

Does cod fish over lemon mashed potatoes sound romantic? Works for me. It's just one example of a no-nonsense dish made special by attention to detail at the Upper East Side favorite Le Charlot's new Southampton location. No doubt the red banquettes, white tablecloths and mood lighting will work for you.

Since opening in November, Le Charlot has quickly become a go-to spot for locals, especially since it started offering its lunch (\$25) and dinner (\$35) prix fixes. Le Charlot is sure to be a whopping success this summer when it unveils its outdoor area and offers three meals a day. Owner Thierry Gelormini promises that his Eggs Benedict is "out of this world!" This new East End outpost will then boast more than twice as many seats as its New York City flagship.

Located in the former Barrister's spot, next to fellow high-end eatery Sant Ambroeus, Le Charlot is hitting all the right marks. It now occupies a bright but romantically decorated space. Its pared-down menu will expand in April when a second full-time chef joins the staff and when Gelormini launches Le Charlot's new website. The current chef is from Brittany; the additional chef is from Provence. But Gelormini says that diners should expect many Asian inflections, as well as a lobster roll, crab cakes and risottos.

Gelormini himself says, "I'm Mediterranean!" as his father was from Corsica and his mother from Provence. He says that "being close to the water"

is what brought him out here. Gelormini has lived in Montauk and Sag Harbor—he understands the clientele here, as well as Le Charlot's regulars who visit from the city.

Gelormini is in the process of adding Long Island's finest wines to Le Charlot's list. These will likely include Wölffer Estate Vineyard rosés and whites as well as some North Fork Chardonnays. I respect that Gelormini is not rushing things. Paris was not built in a day, after all. He began working on his Southampton project in February of 2014—so raise a glass to him when dining there this month!

My husband and I were quite pleased with Le Charlot's current offerings. Husband's first comment was, "I haven't had bread like this since I was in France!" The poor dear. We got a proper start with drinks—a Tanqueray martini for him and a glass of house white for moi. He found his martini "very nicely cold" and my wine had what I call a "killer nose." I downed it and focused on the sizeable portions of food. All was traditional, piping hot and delicious: *Soupe a l'Oignon & Fromage* (French



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Onion Soup complete with that bit of bread under the cheese), a smooth potato *Soupe du Jour*, Classic Steak au Poivre and Frites cooked to order, the aforementioned pile of tenderness, the cod, served with a chorizo sauce for a nice kick. For dessert we enjoyed sharing a *Crème Brûlée* with a very light crust.

I think we'll do dinner again there soon and try their scallops from Cor-J Seafood or perhaps the Tuna Tartare with wasabi and avocado.

I don't think you can go wrong at Le Charlot if you're looking for a romantic evening out featuring peppy French servers and a relatively

quiet atmosphere. But if you need to "seal the deal," just ask Gelormini to tell you and your date about the origin of Tarte Tatin. Much like his restaurant, his tarte tatin origin story is as charming as it is French. *Bon appetit!*

Le Charlot Gastronomie is open Thursdays for dinner at 4:30 p.m. Open Fridays at noon for lunch and dinner. Saturday and Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. and dinner. Open continuously. 36 Main Street, Southampton, 631-353-3222



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White Chocolate is for Valentine's Day

BY SILVIA LEHRER

SIMPLE ART OF COOKING



Chocolate has always been one of my favorite desserts for special occasions. There are few better ways to end a Valentine's Day dinner than with a dessert made with chocolate. I love the idea of preparing a white chocolate mousse with a red raspberry sauce—appropriate colors for Valentine's Day.

White chocolate is considered the "unchocolate chocolate." It's not as sweet as regular chocolate—and that's exactly why I like using it in the white chocolate mousse recipe. The amount of sugar that is called for in the recipe below, and added to the mousse mixture, is just sweet enough to satisfy.

The white chocolate mousse is quite simple. Heated half and half is added to the previously melted chocolate sugar mixture and returned to the saucepan. It is simmered for several minutes, the softened gelatin stirred into the mixture, seasonings stirred through and poured into a mold. For the sauce, the combined raspberries, preserves and sugar are simmered together, seasoned with the liquor and refrigerated for a week or more. The sauce may also be served over ice cream or pound cake. Enjoy your do-ahead Valentine's Day treat!

WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE WITH RASPBERRY SAUCE

This white chocolate mousse, with its silky, custard-like texture, is made without eggs or heavy cream. When prepared in a heart mold, it makes a perfect Valentine's Day treat served with red raspberry sauce.

Serves 4 to 6

For the mousse

5 ounces white chocolate, chopped fine*
1/2 cup superfine sugar
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
1 pint half and half
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon rosewater
Grated peel from 1 orange

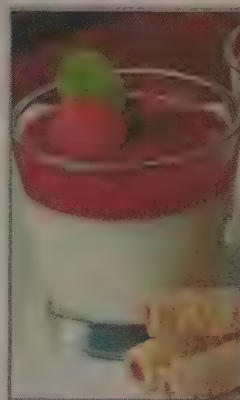
For the sauce

1 package (10 oz.) frozen raspberries, thawed
1/4 cup raspberry preserves
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 to 2 tablespoons kirsch (cherry brandy)

1. Place chopped chocolate in top of a double boiler or straddle a bowl over a saucepan with water in bottom pan (I prefer this method). Place pan over very low heat; it is important that the top bowl sit over the water below without touching the water. When mixture appears to be soft, stir with a wooden spoon until smooth. Remove from heat and stir sugar into melted chocolate as well as possible. Any lumpy coated particles of chocolate that develop will dissolve with the addition of the hot half and half.

2. Sprinkle gelatin over cold water and let stand until gelatin has absorbed the liquid. Set aside and do not stir.

3. In another saucepan heat half and half to the edge of a boil. Pour hot half and half into



Ooh, smooth!

the chocolate mixture, return to the saucepan the half and half heated in, and simmer over medium-low heat about 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly until mixture is smooth. Be careful not to allow the mixture to boil over. Remove from heat and stir in softened gelatin to incorporate thoroughly. Add vanilla, rose water and grated orange peel; stir to mix. Pour into a 4-cup soufflé dish or heart mold. Chill for 5 to 6 hours or overnight. Serve with raspberry sauce.

4. For raspberry sauce, drain raspberries in a sieve-lined bowl and set liquid aside.

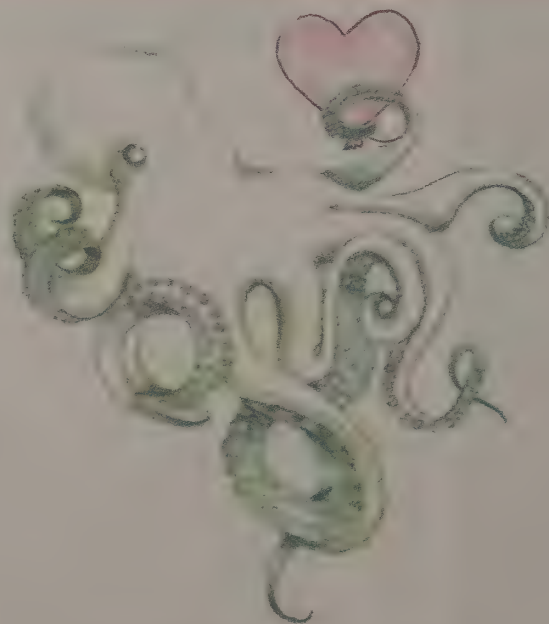
5. Combine berries, preserves and sugar in a saucepan and bring to the edge of a boil. Adjust heat to medium-low and simmer the mixture, stirring occasionally for about 12 minutes or so, until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and allow to cool thoroughly. Add kirsch and stir to mix. If too thick, stir in some of the reserved juice by droplets until desired consistency is reached. Refrigerate, covered in a suitable container until ready to use. Sauce can be prepared a week or more ahead.

*Note 1: For finely chopped chocolate, break into pieces then finely chop in a food processor with steel knife blade in place.

Note 2: Working with chocolate can be tricky and is a delicate procedure. Care should be taken when melting chocolate or it can turn lumpy—or worse it can seize if any moisture or steam gets into the chocolate. Best to melt over very low, steady heat.

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Sweetheart Dining Deals

BY AJI JONES



NOAH'S in Greenport is serving a five-course chef's tasting menu in celebration of Valentine's Day on February 14 and 15. Cost is \$75 per person, plus tax and gratuity. A wine pairing will be available for an additional \$30. Menu, subject to change, includes: *amuse bouche*, corn blini with house-smoked salmon

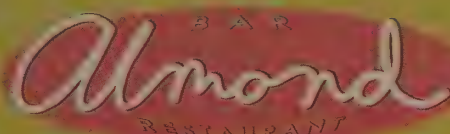
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HARBOR GRILL in East Hampton is serving a sweetheart specials board in celebration of Valentine's Day. Specials will be available Friday, February 13 through Sunday, February 15. Guests who order an entrée special will receive a complimentary glass of champagne, house wine or a bottled beer. Specials, subject to change, include: lobster bisque finished with sherry; grilled romaine hearts with Parmesan cheese, garlic croutons and Caesar dressing; lump crab and spinach crusted oysters with spiced-sesame aioli; warm buratta and shaved prosciutto with roasted peppers, Kalamata olives, tomatoes and balsamic; lobster and angel hair pasta with pancetta, spinach, fresh tomatoes, basil, garlic and white wine; macadamia nut crusted sea scallops with vegetable rice, sautéed spinach and lobster sauce; steamed 1 1/2 lb. lobster; char-broiled filet mignon with potato hash, tobacco onions and HG steakhouse butter; and surf and turf. 631-604-5290. [facebook.com/HarborGrill](https://www.facebook.com/HarborGrill).

ROWDY HALL in East Hampton is serving a la carte specials in addition to the regular menu on Valentine's Day beginning at 5 p.m. Specials, subject to change, include: duck confit salad with pomegranates and toasted almonds; rack of lamb with crispy potato cake and baby carrots; and dark chocolate panna cotta, milk chocolate mousse, chocolate sponge, caramelized hazelnuts and white chocolate curls. 631-324-8555. rowdyhall.com.

JAMESPORT MANOR INN in Jamesport is serving a special dinner prix fixe with a complimentary glass of champagne on Saturday, February 14. Cost is \$60 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Select menu items, subject to change, include: steak tartare with grilled baguette, mâche and Parmesan tuiles; jumbo lump crabmeat cocktail with soy-honey mustard aioli; mixed greens salad with honey-balsamic vinaigrette and Parmesan-Reggiano; pan-roasted local flounder filet with thyme-lemon gnocchi, baby carrots and brown butter; BBQ braised pork belly and seared sea scallops with sautéed spinach; porcini mushroom ravioli with haricot verts and truffle-Parmesan broth; red velvet cake; and *crème brûlée*. 631-722-0500. jamesportmanorinn.com.

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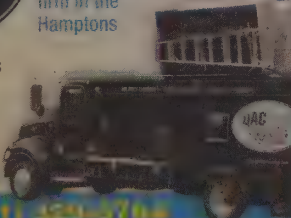
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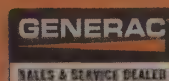
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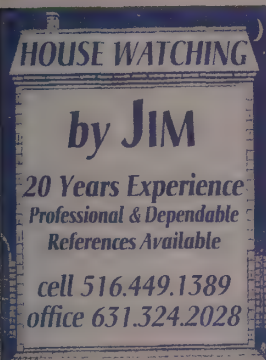
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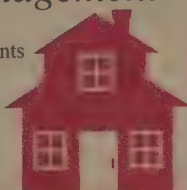
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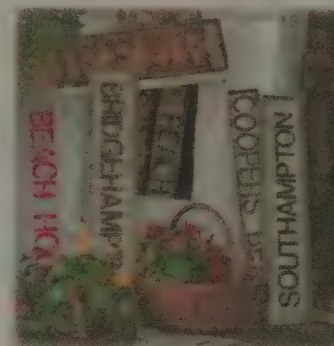
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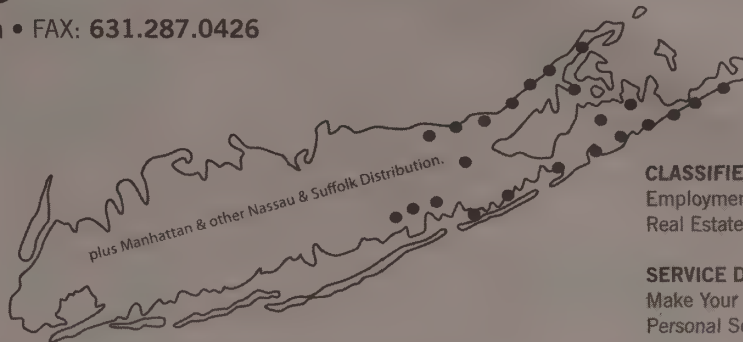
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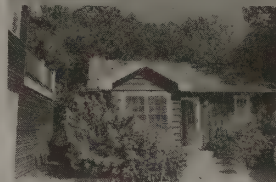
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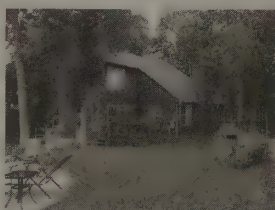
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In recent years, flood insurance premium rates have skyrocketed. The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 mitigates some of those rate increases while continuing the program's goal of eliminating subsidies and applying true actuarial risk in setting policy premiums. The new law ends the effectuation of a debilitating rule that previously resulted in the setting of new insurance rate premiums as a result of a real estate transaction. As a result of the prior rule, purchasers were left uncertain about what their insurance bill could become right after the purchase. Now, home purchasers can continue to be grandfathered under the prior owner's policy premium amount and a degree of certainty now exists concerning transactions involving property requiring flood insurance.

New York Estate and Gift Tax Reforms

New York has increased its estate tax exemption and will continue to increase this exemption through 2019, at which time it will be equal in amount to the Federal exemption. Through March 31, 2015, the exemption for an individual is \$2,062,500 in New York. Then, for the next year the exemption is \$3,125,000. However, New York has also imposed a 3-year look-back on gifts made prior to death where

the value of the property gifted is now included into the total value of the decedent's assets when calculating estate tax. Additionally, the new law provides a cliff where an estate that is valued at more than 105% of the exemption amount limit (i.e., \$2,165,625) will be taxed on the entirety of the estate, not just the amount over the exemption amount limit. As a result, those with estates over \$2,062,500 should consider estate tax planning.

New York Leases Require Sprinkler System Notice

This is timely, given the surge in summer rental interest. Residential leases in New York must now provide notice whether the property has a fire safety sprinkler system, by way of precise statutory language with bold font. As a result, landlords should have their leases redrafted prior to offering new rentals or renewing old leases in 2015. Additionally, cooperative apartments will have to rewrite all of their proprietary leases to comply with this mandate.

Foreclosure Updates: Conferences, Service Members and Phantom Income

The foreclosure settlement conference program had its sunset provision (i.e., when the program ends) extended for an additional 5 years with respect to residential home loans. These conferences utilize court-appointed referees to ensure lenders negotiate in good faith with mortgagors with a goal of modifying the mortgage in order to avoid foreclosure. Effective December 1, 2014, these conferences also became available to homeowners seeking exit strategies through either a short sale or a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, in addition to mortgage modifications.

The Federal Foreclosure Relief for Servicemembers Act of 2014 extends through "2015 the one-year period after a service member's military service during which: (1) a court may stay proceedings to enforce an obligation on real ... property owned by the service member before such military service; and (2) any sale, foreclosure, or seizure of such property shall be invalid without a court order or waiver agreement signed by the service member" as per the Library of Congress Summary.

The tax exemption available to underwater homeowners who earn phantom income (i.e., cancellation of debt income), which arises when a debt is forgiven incident to a short sale or a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, was extended through 2014, but not into 2015. In 2015 it is uncertain whether homeowners who are forgiven on a portion of their debt in a foreclosure, modification, short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure will receive a corresponding income tax bill resulting from the cancellation of debt.

New York Real Estate Brokerage Rebates

Brokers can now issue rebates to attract new customers and clients. To illustrate, a buyer's agent can now offer a portion of their commission received by way of a co-brokerage agreement from the seller's agent to incentivize a buyer to work with the buyer's agent. This new law applies to all those working with a broker and the broker can even share a commission received by one side of the deal with the other transacting party. When working with a broker, ask if they offer a rebate. 🏡

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805 Accabonac Road, **\$1,975,000**

Alexandra and Robin Black to Craig and Stephanie Bricker, 15 Grassy Hollow Drive, **\$1,600,000**

Le Mans LLC to Chez Louse LLC, 22 Louse Point Road
\$1,125,000

HAMPTON BAYS

Claire B. Glazer Trust to Alexis Conason, 14C Clairedale Drive, **\$1,135,000**

MONTAUK

Estate of Roy Meriluoto to Edward H. Hamm
66 Surfside Avenue, **\$7,500,000**

Joan and Richard Becker to Kevin and Maureen Sullivan, 85 Fairview Avenue, **\$1,140,000**

NORTH HAVEN

Josephine DeVincenzi to Nicholas Gregoriou
50 Woodland Drive, **\$1,650,000**

QUOGUE

Barbara M. Williams to Elizabeth Ryan Barney
35 Quaquanantuck Lane, **\$2,100,000**

James and Nancy Campbell to Chester and Christy Murray, 12 Beach Lane, **\$1,600,000**

SAG HARBOR

Darlene and Joseph Markowski to Anamika Samanta
54 Brandywine Drive, **\$1,250,000**

SAG HARBOR

John and Marjorie Burns to 30 Hampton Street LLC
30 Hampton Street, **\$1,187,500**

Glover LLC to Sag Kids LLC, 25 Vitali Cilli Avenue
\$4,750,000

SHELTER ISLAND

Acada Holding LLC to Crescent Beach LLC
11 Serpentine Drive, **\$5,000,000**

Douglas and Sheila Foerth to Lynne and Ralph Whipple
20 Thompson Road, **\$1,370,000**

SOUTHAMPTON

Midge Fowler Trust to Adios Holdings LLC
178 Fowler Street, **\$10,500,000**

WAINSCOTT

Brian Cantor to Eric and Kate Jones
27 West Gate Road, **\$1,881,300**

WATER MILL

Simon Barkagan to Alexandra and Jonathan Oblak
18 Wood Edge Court, **\$3,350,000**

WESTHAMPTON

Peter and Shellyann Bainlardi to Cindy and Joshua Aaronson, 9 Clover Grass Court, **\$1,300,000**

WESTHAMPTON BEACH

Maureen A. Griffin to Gary Heitzler, 208 Dune Road
\$1,999,999

WESTHAMPTON DUNES

Lisa Cloughen to Alexandre and Josephine de Moura
737 Dune Road, **\$3,150,000**

★★★ BIG DEAL OF THE WEEK: EAST HAMPTON ★★★

Seacoast Trust to 97 Lily Pond Lane LLC; 97 Lily Pond Lane, **\$20,000,000**

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WO I LLC to Luis David Vasquez, 5 Dorset Road
\$885,000

Peter and Roxanne Schwartz to David Ciocon
90 Sycamore Drive, **\$830,000**

Rainer Hombach to Robert Swanson, 7 Founders Lane
\$795,000

EAST QUOGUE

R. Cassian Anderson to Allison and Daniel Van Arsdale
63 Old Country Road, **\$557,000**

Everett L. Bassett to 69 Rogers LLC, 4 Bayside Avenue
\$523,800

GREENPORT

Monique Ribando to Kevin and Stephanie Beasley
1120 Willow Drive, **\$545,000**

HAMPTON BAYS

Styvari Corp to Spyros Kokolis, 15 Shinnecock Place
\$600,000

MONTAUK

Joan and Ralph Capalbo to Kelly L. Hannon
15 Fairfield Avenue, **\$690,000**

Estate of John J. Ford to Karen and Michael Mulligan
137 Adams Drive, **\$675,000**

NORTH HAVEN

Josephine DeVincenzi to Erin Killheffer
Woodland Drive, **\$800,000**

PECONIC

Dinah A. Seiver to Elizabeth Howng
180 Sound Avenue, **\$999,000**

SHELTER ISLAND HEIGHTS

Sallie Marion Donnellan to Robert Bannon
27 Sunnyside Avenue, **\$680,000**

SOUTHAMPTON

Peter and Sandra Rubin to Eileen McHale Ruesch
9 Saint Andrews Circle, **\$732,500**

WATER MILL

Elizabeth and James Comfort to Mauricio Bittencourt
42 Woodthrush Lane, **\$796,000**

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Eric Kazanjian to Nicolas Vermot, 8 Windwood Court
\$952,500

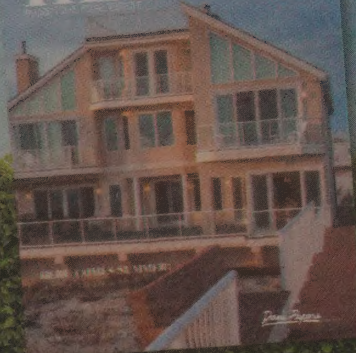
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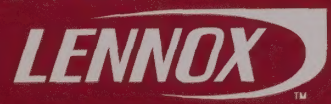
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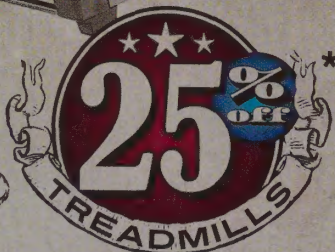
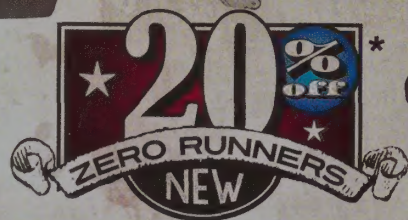
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